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The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Installation Dinner program was over. It was time to settle down and enjoy a nice meal and friendly conversation. The doors opened to a pounding drum. Roaring bagpipers pierced the din. Everyone jumped to their feet, clapped and were dazzled. Some moved to get a better view. Cell phone cameras clicked. The Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band (www.bcfpb.com) marched in playing a “Patriotic set,” “Irish set,” “Sloop John B,” “Amazing Grace,” concluding with “High Road to Gairloch.”
Photo above: Hasbrouck Heights Fire Chiefs Hayes, Roccamo and Giarratana joined in the group photo. The BCFPB played at the Lodi Fire Department Installation Dinner as well.

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(l-r) Lauren Rhoden (AFCO AvPORTS-TEB), Susan Panos (Jet Aviation TEB), Renee Spann (Teterboro Airport Manager, PANY&NJ), Kelly Manzo (Meridian TEB), Nicole Martins (Meridian – TEB), Caitlin Byrne (Shelter Our Sisters), Sergio Cuan (AFCO AvPORTS-TEB), Thomas Huehl (AFCO AvPORTS-TEB), Kathy Takacs (AFCO AvPORTS-TEB), and John Panarello (AFCO AvPORTS-TEB). ###

TEB Community Heeds SOS Holiday Call

On Thursday, December 19, 2013, hundreds of new, unwrapped gifts for children, teenagers and women were donated by the Teterboro Airport community, as part of their 20th 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,

Meridian, Jet Aviation, Signature Flight Support, AFCO AvPORTS-TEB, American International Aviation, etc. TEB continued their tradition of helping deliver holiday

cheer to local families (mothers and children) who "...are victims of domestic violence" -- families who fled from their dysfunctional environments to Shelter Our Sisters. ###

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certificates. The baskets were delivered on December 23 and 24, 2013.

According to owners John Tamborini and Christine Parente, "It was a most rewarding experience and is what our Lord asks us to do for those who are in need."

Jesus said in Matthew 25:35-40, "When I was hungry you gave me food, When I was thirsty you gave me drink When you do this to the least of my brothers, you do it to me." They are committed to do this annually at Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas and thanked their agents for helping to make Christmas a truly blessed one for these families. ###

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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 their special Valentine and making a donation to the Friendly Neighbors.

This is a good time for sharing your love, as well as sending a message of love to others who need to feel that others care.

The card is posted in Hoffman Hall of First Reformed Church through February 16.

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 14. 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. ###

Valentine's Party

Little Ferry Squadron 310 is hosting a Valentine's Party Fundraiser on Saturday, February 8, 2014, starting at 8 p.m. until ???

Donation is \$20 and includes pasta dinner, beer, wine and a rose for the ladies. Music by DJ Jack Jam. All proceeds to benefit Veterans and children's programs. The event will be held at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry. For more information please call 201-641-9774. ###

Legend purports St. Valentine himself actually sent the first valentine greeting. While in prison, he fell in love with his jailor's daughter. According to the story, he wrote her a letter signed, "From your Valentine," a message that is still in use on modern-day cards.

"Love-ly" Valentines

Just like people, flowers come in hundreds of shapes and sizes. When it comes to Valentine's Day gifts, carefully selecting the flower varieties and colors you send will result in a thoughtful, customized gift your Sweetheart will treasure.

According to **Bruce's Floral Design**, the first step is to consider your Sweetheart's preferences. What colors does he or she like?

A dozen red roses remains the classic Valentine's Day favorite. However, many women report that they adore roses in other colors just as much. There are hundreds of colors to choose from. The choices are endless and it's easier than ever to select a rose that is as unique as your Sweetheart.

Your florist can create arrangements that revolve around your Sweetheart's favorite hobby, sport or pastime.

Add a burst of spring to your Valentine's winter with floral varieties such as lilies, alstroemeria, iris, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths, tuberose or freesias. A spring arrangement in a casual basket or clear glass vase makes a perfect accent for a romantic dinner.

With all of the sensational flowers available to choose from, even just one or two el-

egant blossoms can make a big impression. Also, green and blooming plants make romantic Valentine's Day gifts.

Ask yourself what message you want to convey. Consult with your florist, who can explain the assortment of possibilities available.

Bill O'Shea's Florist reminds you that to get the best selection and ensure prompt delivery, call the week before Valentine's Day. When you call, have the necessary information handy: the recipient's name, address, phone number, what you want to send and how you want to be billed.

Having trouble putting your feelings into words? **Heights Flower Shoppe** suggests these creative messages for your floral enclosure cards:

- (*For flowers delivered on February 13th*): Couldn't wait another day to say I Love You!

- (*For flowers delivered before February 13th*): I love you so much I couldn't wait for Valentine's Day!

- (*For flowers delivered February 14th*): Today's a very special day for sending all my love your way!

- With you, it's Valentine's Day 365 days a year.

Source: Society of American Florists ###

Selecting The Right Valentine Gift

Finding the right Valentine's Day gift is probably the most difficult shopping experience in any man's life.

A Valentine's Day gift is instrumental in revitalizing the bond between a duo.

The gift evokes the memories of the moments of love and affection which both have experienced. And it reminds the couple of the unconditional love which exists between them.

This year, show your Sweetheart how much she means to you by giving her a gift from the heart.

Remember that the Valentine's theme is all about love, romance and appreciation.

The nature of the gift can reflect how much you care. The meaning of your gift also varies according to the seriousness and the type of relationship you're in.

Think about what she appreciates the most and what she has mentioned over the past few weeks, or get her something that relates to her hobbies and interests. The key is to show that you put some thought into the gift. ###

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St. Pat's Party!

Kick off St. Patrick's Day with the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights' annual party. Make their party your party and invite your friends.

This year's celebration will take place at the Hasbrouck Heights Elks Club on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at 7 p.m. Ticket price is \$55 per person and includes Irish dinner (*corned beef or chicken*), beer and wine. Irish Step Dancing, Bagpipers and DJ entertainment will also be provided as well as a fabulous selection of raffle prizes.

Attendees must be 21 or older to attend. All proceeds will benefit Junior Women's Club charities and local scholarships. To purchase tickets, please go to www.hhjuniors.org and or call Cara at 201-288-0479. ###

W-R Knights Corned Beef Dinner March 15

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Anthony Council 11585 in Wood-Ridge will host their 6th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 15, 2014.

The dinner will be served from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and will take place in the Father Patrick Morris Hall in the basement of the Assumption Church.

The menu will consist of mouth watering tender corned beef with flavored potatoes and cabbage. This will be served with both Irish soda bread and rye bread.

The meal will be prepared and catered by Pinnacle Supermarket. The cost is \$20 per person. Members of the Knights are selling the tickets. PG ###

Sokol Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Mar. 15

American Sokol Little Ferry will host a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 15, 2014, starting at 6 p.m. at Sokol Hall, Main and Garden Streets, Little Ferry.

Cost is \$20 per person and includes corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, Irish soda bread, dessert, coffee or tea, beer wine or soda. Served family style.

For reservations call Laurie at 201-807-1228 or Blanche at 973-365-1111. ###

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. ###

Fish & Chips March 5

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church, East Rutherford, is sponsoring a Fish and Chips dinner to be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2014, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph's School cafeteria.

Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age. Take out is available. Dessert and beverage are included.

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on weekends of February 15 and 16, February 22 and 23. No tickets will be sold at the door.

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

Fish & Chips March 8

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 11th annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 8, 2014.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the St. Margaret's Auditorium on Chamberlin Avenue, Little Ferry (*wheel chair accessible*.)

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. ###

Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus #286, 39 Washington Street, Lodi, is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast every second Sunday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon.

Donation is \$6 per person and kids under 8 years old are free. ###



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Chinese New Year Celebration

The Friends of The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library cordially invite everyone to a celebration of the Year of the Horse banquet being held at the Asian Grill located on Route 17S in East Rutherford in the Lowe's Plaza Mall.

Dinner will be served Family Style with several different courses to enjoy. Entertainment will be provided.

Tickets are \$42 per person payable upon registration at the Circulation Desk in The Library.

Ticket includes meal, soft drinks, gratuity and supports programming at The Library for adults and children. Seating is limited and tickets cannot be purchased at the door.

Come and join them on February 9, 2014, at 1 p.m. for a delicious meal and celebrate the Chinese New Year. For further information call The Library at 201-288-0488. ###

Trip to Mt. Airy Lodge & Casino

Enjoy a day at the beautiful Mt. Airy Lodge & Casino on Monday, March 3, 2014. The bus will leave from in front of MSH Church at 9 a.m. sharp, returning at approximately 5:30 p.m. The price of \$33 includes bus transportation, a \$25 free slots play, and a \$10. food voucher.

Payment is due when the reservation is booked. Checks should be made payable to "MSH Rosary Confraternity," placed with the reservation form in an envelope marked "Mt. Airy Trip," and dropped off or mailed to the Rectory at 127 Paterson Avenue, Wallington 07057 no later than Wednesday, February 19.

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One year after Superstorm Sandy, American Humane Association, the country's first national humanitarian organization, dedicated its new giant 50-foot-long emergency rescue vehicle.

The truck and trailer were unveiled at a brief ceremony on December 30, 2013, outside the Bergen County Animal Shelter in Teterboro. The event was broadcast nationally on The Weather Channel on January 3, 2014, during the morning show.

"The newest member of our Red Star rescue fleet is specifically designed and outfitted to provide a wide array of emergency services and

will be staffed by four certified and specially trained responders, carrying supplies and equipment to shelter up to 100 animals, and bringing animal-assisted therapy to children and families," said Dr. Robin Ganzert. The unit sleeps four, includes a small kitchen and bath.

The truck and trailer were paid for with donations. The service does not cost any county funds. This emergency pet rescue vehicle will be based in Morristown.

The program began by saving wounded horses in World War I and has been part of every major disaster relief effort since, from Pearl Harbor to Hurricane Katrina, the Oklahoma tornado, the Colorado floods, 9/11, and Superstorm Sandy.

When Superstorm Sandy struck, American Humane Association's Red Star team delivered more than 100,000 pounds of emergency food, supplies, and medicines to animal shelters in Bergen County and Atlantic County in New Jersey. ###

PBA Beefsteak Tricky Tray

Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray on Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 6:30 to 11 p.m., at the **Fiesta**.

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

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Roast Pork Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

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

Postcard & Paper Ephemera Show

The Community Chest of Rutherford announced the 12th annual Postcard and Paper Ephemera Show and Sale will be held on March 23, 2014 at 55 Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, NJ. For more information call Virginia at 201-939-8782.

The event benefits Rutherford Boy and Girl Scouts, Bridge Builders, Rutherford Community Food Pantry, Rutherford Social Services, Meadowlands Museum, Starfish of Rutherford, etc. ###

Kip Center Beefsteak

A Beefsteak Dinner will be held at 55 Kip Center in Rutherford on Saturday, February 8, 2014, from 6 – 10 p.m.

Donation is \$40 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information please call 201-460-1600. All proceeds support the programs and services for older adults in southwest Bergen County. ###

Rutherford Community Chest Seeks Donations

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

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

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

Scouting for Food

Troop 17 and Cub Pack 17 of Hasbrouck Heights will be taking part in the National Scouting program of Scouting For Food on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 9 a.m. until noon.

Scouts will be coming around to collect donated food and non-perishable items for the local food bank.

Please leave items in shopping bags on front steps of your homes. Bags may also be brought to the Hasbrouck Heights Food Bank.

This program provides community service within our own neighborhood and is part of the Good Turn for America, "helping others at all times" program. Please consider making a donation. ###

Carlstadt/ER Lions Pancake Breakfast March 2

Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast event on March 2, 2014, from 8 a.m. to noon at the the East Rutherford Civic Center, Vreeland Avenue, East Rutherford.

Price per ticket for an adult is \$5 and children under 5 are free. For tickets call 201-306-0987. Walk-ins are welcome.

The Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at the Park Tavern Restaurant on Park Avenue in East Rutherford. Meeting times are at 6 p.m. and held over dinner. New members are always welcome. ###

The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is pleased to sponsor the performance of "The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln" as portrayed by Bob Gleason of the American Historical Theater.

This free performance will be in celebration of Presidents' Day. It will be held in The Library's Conference Room located at 320 Boulevard from 2 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2014. The whole family is welcome to attend.

The American Historical Theatre is well known for providing world-class historical characters and interpretations.

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Dinner and Fashion Show

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Dancing Under The Stars VII

Mickey's Kids Foundation will be hosting its Seventh Annual Gala to benefit Canine Assistants. The gala, "Dancing Under the Stars - Act VII," will be held on Friday, March 28, 2014, at Il Villaggio in Carlstadt.

Featured guest will be Anthony Liguori, "Elvis -- One Night With You."

There will be a professional dance team, Russ and Katusha Wilder, who have competed internationally.

There will be encore performances by children, soloists, and dancers to enhance this event. Music will be Paul Anthony Entertainment. There will be a silent auction and raffles,

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HH Garden Club News

Come and join them on February 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at The Hasbrouck Heights Library Meeting Room on the second floor of the Municipal Building located at 320 Boulevard. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting.

The Garden Club has speakers and trips to look forward to in 2014.

They have several new members this year and always welcome guests to join upcoming events. There is plenty of parking available and an elevator for your convenience. Meetings are always concluded by 8:45 p.m. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

Casino Bus Trip

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

CENTURY 21 Eudan Realty Recruits America's Heroes

CENTURY 21 Eudan Realty, announced its support of the Century 21 Real Estate Recruiting America's Heroes program, designed to assist Veterans transitioning to a real estate career.

As a champion for many local community initiatives, CENTURY 21 Eudan Realty is proud to extend its support to local Veterans looking to explore new career opportunities.

"We're proud to open our doors to Veteran service members," said CENTURY 21 Eudan Realty, David Fanale, Broker/Owner. "These men and women possess unique skills, drive and determination – all qualities necessary for a career in real estate, so I am honored to provide them with an opportunity to join our team and gain the benefits of the largest real estate network in the world."

The CENTURY 21 Real Estate Recruiting America's Heroes initiative offers the following benefits exclusively to transitioning and retired military personnel:

- Free registration for the CENTURY 21 Global Conference. This three day event hosts CENTURY 21 real estate

Rutherford Taxpayers Association

The Rutherford Taxpayers Association (RTA) holds monthly meetings at Rutherford Borough Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The RTA presents information in a non-political form through monthly meetings and newsletters. Open forums are frequently held of topics of local interest.

Membership is \$10 per year and is open to all Rutherford residents and property owners regardless of political affiliation. Send check to RTA, PO Box 361, Rutherford, NJ 07070 ###

Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Friday, February 14, 2014, at 6:54 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. ###

Carlstadt Historical Society

The Carlstadt Historical Society, Inc. meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Community Center on Fourth Street, Carlstadt.

Prospective members are always welcome as well as members of The Little Ferry Historical Society.

The February 19, 2014, program will be the film "Lincoln Highway." Snacks and beverages are part of the Movie Night experience. Exhibits of new acquisitions from the Museum will be on display as well as articles from 1914 newspapers concerning Carlstadt life.

The film "Alan Pinkerton, America's First Detective" will be the program on Wednesday, March 19.

The Carlstadt Historical Society Museum is located in the "circa 1919" former Firehouse on Sixth and Division.

It is open on the last Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. and to groups by appointment, it houses an interesting collection of Carlstadt related exhibits.

For more information contact Arlene Kretz, Borough Historian c/o Carlstadt Borough Hall, 500 Madison Street, Carlstadt, NJ 07072-1549. ###

Curb Your Dog

Groundhog Day 2014 Sunday, 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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No matter which teams are playing, you should get the gang together, stock your fridge with all the food and drink that matter, and set up the television just right in order to appreciate America's most watched sports event.

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

Put up banners of the competing teams on your wall or hang streamers bearing the team colors. Get Super Bowl paper plates, tablecloths and other decorative things.

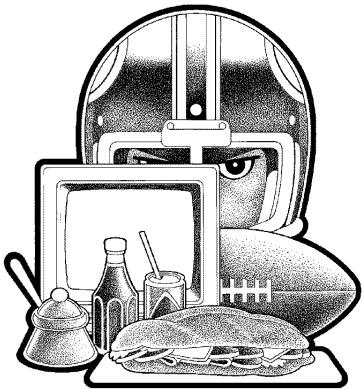
- Next to the excitement of the game itself, your party will be most remembered for the food provided. Your decorations may be great, but if the snacks and main dishes aren't hits, no one will be pleased.

The main meal should be tasty, simple and filling.

- Make it easy and cater your party. Check out the menus at **Shadow's Deli**. Order in advance since Super Bowl Sunday is one of the busiest nights for delivery-based restaurants.

- Set up the food in an assembly line so that everyone can customize their own dinner.

Stick to a buffet set-up in order to ease serving and eating. That way, everyone can enjoy the food while watching the game, and most importantly,



you can too.

- If you want to impress, have a Super Bowl cake.

- To make clean up easier, use plastic cups, plates and utensils. Of course, napkins should be readily available so that, in the event of a spill, help is close by.

- 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.

- Avoid offering hard liquor on Super Bowl Sunday. Football is a sport that begs for beer, nothing else. **Meadowland Wine & Liquor** sells the coldest beer in town.

- Keep radios and even small televisions set up around the house so that wanderers and those serving food don't miss a single down. You can even put one in the john if your guests are real football fanatics.

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

play football. Select the teams that are actually playing in the the Super Bowl and square off for some extra fun.

- Some people like to add to the entertainment by organizing betting pools. Ideally, these games are done in a way that even the guests who don't know a thing about football can join in.

For instance, you can bet on who will score the next touchdown, what the score at the end of each quarter will be or even who'll win the coin toss.

Make charts or grids so that the wagers are clear and keep the pot low so that no one blows their wallet.

- Invest in a few foam "bad-call bricks" to throw at the TV so your guests can express their feelings about the refs without doing damage to your house.

- Keep a football around and throw some NFL magazines on the coffee table as good finishing touches.

- If it's a real manly, poker-night type night, pass cigars around. Make sure there are enough chairs for everyone to sit on. Provide a side room for those who came for the food and atmosphere, and not the actual game.

- Spray some air freshener around as soon as everyone leaves, so the smell of cigars does not linger.

- Think ahead and place garbage cans around your place so that wherever your guests are, they can find a place for their trash. At the end of the night, all you have to do is collect the garbage bags, instead of checking under the couch for crumpled napkins.

- Organizing and hosting a Super Bowl party doesn't have to be time-consuming or stressful. Do it right, and you'll be able to watch the whole game, enjoy some great food and relax with your friends. ###

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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 <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/>

The 2014 Spring schedule is as follows:

- February 1 and 8: Knowing More—MS Excel 2010
- February 15 and 22: Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010
- March 1 and 8: Knowing More—MS PowerPoint 2010
- March 22 and 29: Computer Basics
- April 5 and 12: Introduction to MS Excel 2010
- April 26 & May 3: Knowing More—MS Excel 2010
- May 10 and 17: Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010
- May 31 and June 7: Knowing More—MS PowerPoint 2010 ###

Basic ESL Classes

The Rutherford Public Library is offering adult students free classroom instruction of Basic English as a Second Language taught by a certified ESL instructor.

The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students. Evening classes are being held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m.; the course will run through June 18, 2014.

Morning classes are being held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.; the course will run through June 19. Class size is limited and in-person registration is required. Students may select either morning or evening classes and may register at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours. ###

English Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library on Mondays from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

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

Computer Classes at Lodi Library

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

- The February classes are:
- Computer Basics February 4
 - Internet Basics February 11
 - Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010 February 18
 - Facebook Basics February 25
- Registration and payment of a \$5 refundable deposit per class is required. For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Computer Classes at Carlstadt Library

Computer classes are back! All sessions give you hands-on experience with a computer, and each session is limited to six students. You must have a valid library card to register, and preference is given to Carlstadt residents.

They reserve the right to cancel registrations for any students that consistently miss classes without notification of at least 24 hours in advance. The following schedule applies, if there is at least one Carlstadt student in attendance.

- Intro to the Computer: March 4, 2:30-4 p.m. and March 19, 6:30-8 p.m.
 - Intro to the Internet: March 26, 6:30-8 p.m. and April 1, 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Email Basics: April 16, 6:30-8 p.m. and April 22, 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Intro to MS Word 2010: April 30, 6:30-8 p.m. and May 6, 2:30-4 p.m.
 - Intro to MS Excel 2010: May 13, 2:30-4 p.m. and May 21, 6:30-8 p.m.
- Please call 201-438-8866 ext. 204 for more information or check <http://carlstadt.bccls.org/adults.shtml>. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street. ###

February Flower
Violet

Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss “Little Bee” by Chris Cleave.

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 ###

Monday Evening Book Group

On February 24, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss “A Thousand Splendid Suns” by Khaled Hosseini. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Glass Room on The Rutherford Library main floor. ###

Daytime Reading Group

On Friday, February 28, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at the 55 Kip Center to discuss “Annie Dunne” by Sebastian Barry. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

February Movies at Lodi Library


- Lodi Library presents free movies on Wednesdays starting at 1:30 p.m.
- February 5 “Captain Phillips”
 - February 12 “Blue Jasmine”
 - February 19 “All is Lost”
 - February 26 “Austenland”

For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Winter’s Bone

On Tuesday, February 25, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of “Winter’s Bone,” starring Jennifer Lawrence.

The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###



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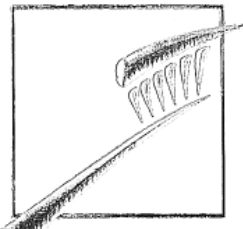
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The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in storytime program on Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2014, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 – 2:30 p.m.

The same storytime will also be presented on Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27 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. ###

Storytime for Fours, Fives, and Sixes

On Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., four, five, and six-year-old children are invited to storytime at The Rutherford Public Library.

Registration is required. To register, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

ABC, Read to Me Storytimes

Join Miss Jess every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. for stories, rhymes and wiggles at The Carlstadt Public Library!

Children of all abilities up to age 4 and their caregivers are encouraged to sing and play along. Storytime is a wonderful, interactive way for caregivers to learn about library services and how to interest children in books. Anyone with a valid library card is welcome to attend! Please call 201-438-8866 for more information ###

PJ Storytime at Lodi Memorial Library

Every Monday evening from 6 – 6:30 p.m. on February 3, 10 and 24, 2014, children ages two to six along with their parents, are invited to bring their favorite stuffed toy, wear their pajamas and enjoy an evening of stories at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###

Little Cool Music School

The Rutherford Public Library invites preschool children up to the age of 6 to an interactive music program with Guitar Bob.

The program will be held on Friday, January 31, and Fridays, February 7, 14, and 28, 2014, from 11:15 – 11:45 a.m.

It will incorporate singing, creative movement, instruments and cooperative games. No advance registration is required. This program is funded by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

How Kids Live in West Africa

On Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., a presentation on "How Kids Live in West Africa," will be held at The Carlstadt Public Library.

Musician and storyteller Phil Passantino recently traveled to the West African country of Mali and he is excited to share his adventures with you!

Come and learn more about Africa's beautiful culture by playing African instruments such as the drums and the mbira, listen to African folktales and even view a movie made by Phil Passantino. This program is fun for all ages!

Please call 201-438-8866 for more information or check their website, <http://carlstadt.bccls.org/kids.shtml>. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Read Across America with HHJWC

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club will host a special story time at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library on Monday, March 3, 2014, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to honor Read Across America Day and to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday. For more information, please visit www.hhjuniors.org ###

Paws to Read Therapy Dog Program

On Saturday, February 8, 2014, at 2 p.m., Rodney, a registered therapy dog, and his owner, will visit The Rutherford Public Library.

Children who would like to practice their reading skills may reserve a 15-minute time slot to read to Rodney.

Gain confidence in your reading ability and make a new friend at the same time! For ages 5-11. To register, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted!! February 3 and 24, 2014. Come to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the wonderful therapy dogs Rodney and Teddy!

Children ages 5 and older sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a friendly dog. The dogs are certified through the Delta Society and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc.

Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for beginning and struggling readers to practice their reading skills, and all readers are invited.

A variety of books are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Registration is required. Contact Ms. M, the Youth Librarian at wrldgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455. ###

Lodi Dog Tales

Children (Kindergarten and up) can read to a single therapy dog, that is selected for its calmness and gentleness around children. Children select a book from the table or one of their favorites and read out loud to the patient puppies at The Lodi Memorial Library on Thursday, February 13, 2014 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. ###

Legos Build

On Tuesday, February 18, 2014, from 3-4:30 p.m., Lodi Memorial Library offers Legos Build for children Kindergarten age and up.

Future architects and engineers come for a Legos family build where we supply the Legos and you supply the imagination! ###

Preschool Craft Corner

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., three, four, and five year old children are invited to make a craft at The Rutherford Public Library. Craft project to be announced.

Registration is required. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Crafty Kids

On Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., The Rutherford Public Library will host a craft program for children ages 6 and up. Craft project to be announced. Registration is required and will begin on Monday, January 27. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Teen Craft Hour

Valentine's Day will be here before you know it! Come create something beautiful for that special someone at the Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Teen Craft Hour, February 6, 2014, from 3-4 p.m.

Let your imagination flow and enjoy trying something new. Ages 9 and up welcome. Registration is required. Contact Ms. M, the Youth Librarian at wrldgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455 by February 3 to sign up. ###

Game Days at Lodi Memorial Library

Game Days are appropriate for ages Kindergarten and up. Children are invited to play Wii and board games 3:30 - 4 p.m., February 13 and 27, 2014, at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###

Game Break

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library invites kids of all ages to come to The Library, February 21, 2014, from 3-4 p.m. to play games.

Enjoy Wii Games along with games of checkers, Uno, Clue, Monopoly, Life and more.

Contact Ms. M, the Youth Librarian at wrldgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455 by February 20 to sign up. ###

Craft Days at The Lodi Memorial Library

Appropriate for ages Kindergarten and up, parents and children are invited to share and make crafts together, as a fun "pastime and educational tool for kids by extending a child's fine motor skills, developing concepts like colors or numbers, etc.," from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###

Science Days at Lodi Memorial Library

The program is appropriate for ages Kindergarten and up, where parents and children are invited to participate and learn new things about the world around them with a bi-monthly science experiment where they will observe, hypothesize, test and draw conclusions with fun science experiments. 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###

Children's Friday Afternoon Matinee

On Friday, February 28, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., all children ages 5 and up are invited to a free movie screening of "Despicable Me 2" at The Rutherford Public Library. No advance registration required.

An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

PSAT Practice Test


On Saturday February 15, 2014, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a Kaplan PSAT practice test will be held. Contact the Youth Services Librarian at Lupita. OBrien@bccls.org to register for a free PSAT practice test at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###

Readers' Theater

Experience the fun of acting and performing without the pressure of memorizing, at Lodi Memorial Library's new Readers' Theater for 1st Grade and up, on Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 2014, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, February 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ###


Teen Cafe

On Wednesdays, from 4 - 4:30 Teen Cafe (ages 12 - 18) meets to talk about what you're doing, technology tips, fashion, movies, music and books you are reading or want to read at The Lodi Memorial Library. ###



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The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Heights High School, 365 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

Lincoln School teacher, Dana Regan, will be the guest speaker. Ms. Regan will present a thorough parent resource guide about Special Education. The next meeting will be on March 18, 2014.

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. Their extensive resource table will be available during the meeting. Refreshments are always served.

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

**Child Care
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The program is sponsored by the Bergen County Office for Children for Bergen County residents affected by Sandy!

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Restrictions apply. Applications are available at Meadowlands Family Success Center - 100 Washington Avenue, Little Ferry or Bergen VOAD/ LTRC Recovery Information Center - 221 Moonachie Road, Moonachie.

For more information, call the Bergen County Office for Children at 201-336-7170. ###



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**Robert L. Craig School
Pre-K and Kindergarten
Registration**

Preschool and Kindergarten registrations are currently being held for children new to the Robert L. Craig School.

Proof of a current physical examination, immunizations and residency are required.

Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2014, are eligible for Pre-school. Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2014 are eligible for Kindergarten.

For specific preschool details, call Mrs. Lacey between 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 201-641-5833 ext. 109.

For specific Kindergarten details, call Mrs. Tozzini at 201-641-5833 ext. 100. ###

**W-R Kindergarten
Registration**

Registration for the 2014/2015 Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 6, 2014, by appointment only.

Children must accompany parents for registration. Children are eligible if they turn five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2014.

Proof of a current physical examination, immunizations and residency are required.

Please contact Mrs. Tiesi at 201-933-6777 for specific details. ###

**Hasbrouck Heights
Kindergarten
Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the 2014-15 school year will be held on Tuesday, January 28, from 2 – 4 p.m. and on Thursday, January 30, 2014, from 5 – 8 p.m. in the Hasbrouck Heights MSHS Media Center.

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

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

Proof of a current physical examination, immunizations and residency are required.

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

Placement at Euclid or Lincoln School will be determined by multiple criteria, and will not be finalized until August 2014.

For additional information call 201-393-8146. ###

Homework Club

Care on the Corner announces the Homework Club for children in 1st through 5th Grade.

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

Students are divided between grade levels with one teacher / assistant per three (3) to four (4) students; allowing for more individualized teaching and attention.

Children are given supplemental assignments (*including educational games*), targeting the areas they need help with.

The Homework Club aims to:

- Be a less structured environment in which children receive educational guidance.
- Assure that homework assignments are completed and, more importantly, understood.
- Help children understand the importance of learning and acquire good study skills.
- Help students understand that learning is fun and like sports you need to practice – hence the need for homework.

Homework Club - Spring 2014 Session is 10 weeks, from January 23rd – April 3rd (*classes will not be held on holidays*) for children in 1st to 5th Grade on Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., at Care Center, at 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register (\$25 registration fee). Scholarships are available. Jean R. Giaratana (*NJ Certified Teacher*) is the Director. ###

Zumba Kids

Zumba Kids: the ultimate dance-fitness party for young Zumba fans ages 7-11 where they can play loud and rock with their friends.

This program features age appropriate music and moves that get kids moving to the beat. It reinforces the idea that it's okay to be yourself and dance like no one's watching.

Zumba Kids Jr: classes are a dance and play party for youngsters who want to get silly, dream big and begin their journey to a healthy future. The program is where 7-11 year olds just let loose and be themselves.

This program helps develop coordination, balance, self-esteem, healthy lifestyle and creativity.

Class is taught by a Licensed Zumba/ ZumbAtomics Fitness Instructor, Lynn Weimer.

Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 for details. ###

Adult ESL Classes

Registration and Testing will take place on Wednesday February 19 and 26, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall, at 229 Terrace Avenue (*corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues*) in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes.

New students must take a language assessment evaluation.

Spring 2014 ESL Classes are March 12 – May 11, 2014, on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue and Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

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 \$15 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 and Testing will take place on Wednesday February 19 and 26, 2014 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 prerequisite for these classes.

Session: March 3 – April 7, 2014, on Monday nights from 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 a.m. at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J.

The population served comes mainly from central and northern New Jersey. Members of the population benefit by learning all aspects of the English language through the ESL program, they receive education on obtaining employment, and how to address housing, immigration, and citizenship issues from the workshops.

For more information call 201-288-9460. Each student must complete a registration form, accompanied with a non – refundable \$15 registration fee. Books will be available for purchase. Financial assistance is available. ###

**Felician Reading
Center Offers
Spring Program**

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

The program will begin on February 4, 2014 and end on May 15, 2014. The classes are held twice a week - Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The program will aim to increase reading with primary emphasis on the improvement of “phonics,” vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Testing will be required for placement and a weekly fee for services rendered. The Felician Reading Center is located at 260 South Main Street in Lodi, New Jersey.

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

**Lodi Oldtimers
Little League
Announces 2014
Scholarship
Programs**

The Lodi Oldtimers have announced the opening of their annual Scholarship Program for 2014 and the annual Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program.

The scholarships are open to high school seniors who have participated in any of the Lodi Little League baseball or softball programs for a minimum of 3 years.

Three five-hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded. The Oldtimers will award one scholarship to a male and one to a female. The Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program will award one scholarship and is open to both males and females. All applicants must meet the criteria set by the Lodi Oldtimers Little League.

The deadline for applying is April 15, 2014. Winners will be notified by June 1. Applications can be picked up at the high school Guidance Office, the Little League at 72 Church Street, Lodi, NJ or downloaded at www.LodiLittleLeague.com.

Questions can be directed to the Little League at 973-591-1137. ###

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W-R Knights Sponsor Free Throw Competition

The local competition for the 2014 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship was held on January 12, 2014 at the Catherine E. Doyle Elementary School Gym in Wood-Ridge. The members of St. Anthony Council 11585 ran the contest.

All girls and boys, ages 10 to 14, were eligible to compete. Each contestant received three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line.

The Wood-Ridge winners who will compete at the district level and hopefully, state competitions, were in the 9-year old group: Trey Packen and Ava Pucheo; 10-year old group: Stephen Crandall and Samantha Eckert; 11-year old group were Phillip Forte and Bianca Luciano; 12-year old winners were Drew Packen and Jenna Castello; and the 14-year old winner was Alex Berg.

Knight Jerry Cala was the chairman for the local competition. He was assisted by GK Tom Gonnella, PGK Russ Petrocelli, Ken Gardella,

Forrest Elliott, Sal Costanzo, Phil Romero and Tony Jensen. *Photo and Story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Flag a Hydrant

Hasbrouck Heights Boy Scout Troop 17 member, John Riordan, is working towards his Eagle Scout.

John has been involved in Scouting since First Grade. He is currently a Life Scout, one step below Eagle.

His Eagle Scout Project is to flag all of the fire hydrants in the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights with reflective markers. You can sponsor a hydrant flag for \$25. Make checks payable to Troop 17 Hasbrouck Heights and send to 17 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights NJ, 07604, Mark Hydrant Flag in memo. For more information call John at 201-393-4184.

This projects entails the cooperation of United Water, the Fire Chiefs, Mayor and Council, and the approval from the Boy Scouts of America.

This Community Service Project has two parts. The first is to raise funds to help pay for the flag markers, the second is to install the over two hundred markers onto all of the fire hydrants in town. This project is a culmination of all the skills learned throughout Scouting, and shows leadership. The Eagle Scout is the highest achievement in Boy Scouts.

Any boy, 5th Grade through 11th Grade interested in Scouting is invited to a meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. at the Corpus Christi ECLC on the Boulevard. ###

Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

Looking for up-to-date information on scholarships and financial aid?

The Rutherford Public Library has a handy online resource, the 2014 electronic edition of the reference book Scholarships, Fellowships & Loans: A Guide to Education-Related Financial Aid Programs for Students and Professionals.

Hot off the e-press, this resource provides details on over 5,700 awards from 3,500 sponsoring organizations. There is also a state-by-state listing of agencies.

This one-stop resource provides information on all levels of financial aid from full scholarships to internships. It is available online to anyone who has a Rutherford Library card.

Simply visit The Library's website at www.rutherfordlibrary.org and click on the blue icon at the bottom of the page which says Gale Virtual Reference Library (GVRL). Log in with your library card number and then search by subject or go straight to the electronic version of the book.

Information includes the name of the sponsoring organization, its web site, the type of assistance available, and the number of awards offered. The book is only available as an online resource, although it is exactly the same as the printed edition.

There are other useful resources on this GVRL database as well, such as the College Blue Book, which also lists internships. Please visit The Rutherford Public Library's website or stop by The Library to view the information on a computer at The Library. Questions? Contact the Reference Desk at Rutherford Public Library 201-939-8600, ext 7. ###

Sock Drive For Homeless

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

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

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W-R Cub Scout Bake Off

Cub Scout Pack #183 in Wood-Ridge held its annual Bake-Off in November with the Scouts offering creative, tasty treats that they baked and decorated themselves (*with a little help from their parents, of course*), ranging from an entire Cub Scout camp scene to a tribute to Mariano Rivera.

In all, 18 cakes battled it out for the top prizes in eight categories. Six Boy Scouts were called in to be impartial judges. They chose the best cakes during this traditional contest held at the group's monthly pack meeting at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. The Cub Scouts' sisters judged the category "My Sister's Choice."

Matthew K won for "Most Original Cake," with his white cake with a dollop of chocolate icing.

John J's American flag cake was named "Most Patriotic."

Joseph J's Christmas tree cake grabbed the "Best Holiday Theme" prize.

Julian Z took home the prize for "Best Sport Theme," with a tribute to Yankees pitching great Mariano Rivera, complete with his #42 blue and white pinstripe jersey cake and a quote from Rivera: "I don't wait for people to give me respect. I always give them respect."

Javier Z won for "Best Town Spirit," with an elaborate cake that included a replica of the former World Trade Center, cars, boats and an American flag.

"The Sister's Choice" award went to Cole C, whose cake created a fanciful castle world of gummies and choco-

late, with ice cream cone spires.

Ryan L won for "Best Scout Spirit," re-creating a scene from Camp Lewis in Rockaway, NJ, that included a blue icing lake and graham cracker tents.

Five parents of Boy Scouts were called in to judge the newest category: "Best Tasting Cake." (*We didn't want the Boy Scouts to do that, since it only required one forkful and, well, you know how boys are when it comes to eating.*) The judges unanimously chose the cake baked by Christian V, whose yummy lemon cake with creamy lemon icing and filling was declared "very moist and delicious."

After the judging, anyone who wished to taste the cakes were invited to do so. The Boy Scouts were given one entire cake to share as a thank you for giving up a Friday night to be judges. You can imagine how long it took for them to finish it.

Cub Scout Pack #183 has other exciting events planned for 2014, including a swim night and the annual Pinewood Derby car race.

Cub Scouts are for boys in First Grade through Fifth Grade. Boy Scouts are for boys in Sixth Grade and higher. We accept members from any town.

For more information about the Scouts, call Barry Goldman at 201-507-1708 or email bandgold@aol.com. *Submitted by Beth Bayer. ###*

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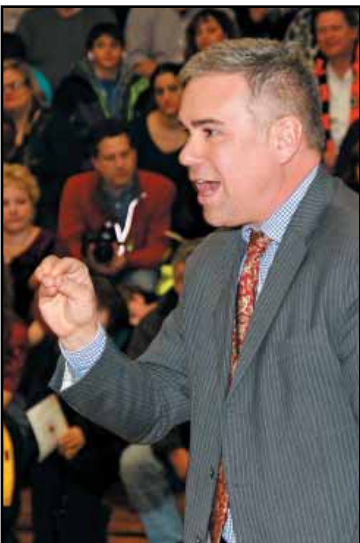
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Hasbrouck Heights 5th Grade D.A.R.E Culmination

On January 9, 2014, 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, Daniel Viola, Euclid School, and Veronica Legaspi, Lincoln School, made welcoming remarks.

In unison, the 5th Graders spoke their rights. Comments were made by Mayor Rose

Heck, HH Police Chief Michael Colaneri, and Superintendent Dr. Mark Porto.

Under the direction of Mrs. Cerasuolo, the 5th Grade students provided a musical presentation.

The D.A.R.E. mascot lion, Daren, made a special appearance and assisted as certificates were presented to all students.

Essay winners Martina Scarpa, Nicole Humphries, Kayla Perrapato, Linda Kalna, Joseph Duffy and Tanner Hansen, were presented with gifts.

D/Sgt. Alan Baker provided concluding remarks.

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

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l-r: Borough Clerk Claire Foy, Borough Attorney Dennis C. Ritchie, Councilman David Stoltz, Mayor William Roseman, Councilman James Lenoy, Councilman Richard Bartlett, Councilman Robert J. Zimmermann (Not shown: Councilman Craig Lahullier).

Carlstadt 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2014, at 12:30 p.m., the Carlstadt Mayor and Council held A Sine Die Meeting to conclude 2013 business, followed by their 2014 Reorganization meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made, followed by the Invocation by Thomas (Buddy) Davis. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen David Stoltz and Richard

Bartlett, and badges were presented to elected officials. The Council President is James Lenoy. The Mayor gave his Annual Message. Consent agenda was approved. The Mayor

made appointments and selection of standing committees. There was a resolution on 2014 salaries followed by hearing of citizens. Presentations and comments were made, followed by Benediction by Fr. Joseph

J. Astarita, Pastor, St. Joseph Church (East Rutherford).

The meeting was adjourned. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



l-r: Councilman Michael Homaychak, Councilman George Perry, Councilman Joel Brizzi, Mayor James L. Cassella, Councilman Jeffrey Lahullier, Councilman Tom Banca and Councilman Saverio Stallone.

East Rutherford 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2014, at 12 p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2013 business.

The year 2014 began with Congressman William Pascrell administering the Oath

of Office to Councilman Joel Brizzi, BC Judge Hon. Peter J. Melchionne administering the Oath of Office to Councilman Michael Homaychak. There was a Salute to the Flag. Tom

Banca was elected as Council President and Joel Brizzi liaison to the Planning Board.

William Lorenc was sworn in as East Rutherford Police Lieutenant by Mayor Cassella.

Crossing Guards were appointed for 2014. Resolutions were approved. Board members were reappointed. Council committees were assigned. The Mayor made his New

Year's Address. The meeting was adjourned.

Refreshments were served. The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. ###



l-r: Councilman Jack Manzo, Councilman Frank Nunziato, Councilwoman Kimberly Birdsall, Mayor Joseph DeSalvo, Jr., Councilman Michael Sartori, Councilman Ray Tetro and Councilman Mark O'Connor.

Rutherford 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2014, a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2013 business.

The year 2014 began with Councilman Jack Manzo and

Councilman Mark O'Connor being admististered the Oath of Office by Mayor Joseph DeSalvo.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Michael J. Kreder,

Pastor, Church of Saint Mary, followed by the Salute to the Flag. Michael Sartori was named Council President. Mayor DeSalvo appointed the council committee liaisons as-

signments. The Mayor made appointments with confirmation by the Council. The consent agenda was approved. The meeting concluded with Benediction by Rev. Ray Fra-

zier, Pastor, Mt. Ararat Baptist Church.

The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. ###



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 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2013, at 11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2014 business.

The year 2014 began with Mayor Rose Heck administering the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Sonya Buckman and Councilman David Gonzalez.

Upon the seating of the Council members, Mayor Rose Heck declared the 2014 Reorganization Meeting in session.

There was a Salute to the Flag. Conchita Parker led the singing of “God Bless America,” and an Invocation was given by Rev. Msgr. Lewis

V. Papera, Pastor of Corpus Christi Church.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the 2014 Fire Department Chiefs and Officers.

There was an announcement of council assignments, consent agenda. Kevin Condal

was appointed a Probationary Patrolman. The Council named Justin DiPisa as Council President and Russell A. Lipari as representative to the Planning Board.

Mayor Heck made her appointments and delivered her Annual Address.

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

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



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

Little Ferry 2014 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 7, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., the Borough of Little Ferry held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Invocation given by Father Kevin Carter.

The results of the November 5, 2013 election were announced by Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan.

The Oath of Office was administered by NJ State Senator Paul Sarlo to Councilmen Thomas Sarlo and Stephen Lanum.

The 2014 By-Laws were adopted and Ronald Anzalone was elected as Council President.

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

They included Borough Attorney Joseph Monaghan, Borough Engineer Job & Job, Borough Auditor Dieter Lerch, Bonding Attorney McManimon, Scotland 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 Thomas Sarlo.

Consent Agenda resolutions were voted upon.

Christopher Nepil was sworn in as a Little Ferry Police Officer.

There were comments from the Council. Assemblywoman Marlene Caride and Freeholder Tracy Silna Zur made remarks.

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 Benediction was given by Fr. Kevin Carter. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. ###

A complete list of all municipal appointments for each community is available at their Borough Clerk’s Office



(l-r) Councilman Robert J. Bauer, Sr., Councilman Antonio Cirillo, Councilwoman Kathleen Kinsella, Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilman Manuel Martinez, Councilwoman Lucille Millar and Councilman Bruce Surak.

Moonachie 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 5, 2014, at noon, the Borough of Moonachie held a brief reorganization meeting at the Kathryn E. Flynn Civic Center.

Councilman Robert J. Bauer, Sr., Councilman Antonio Cirillo and Councilwoman Kathleen M. Kinsella took the Oath of Office.

The reorganization meeting was called to order, fol-

lowed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

James D. McNeice and Anthony T. Fugnitti were appointed Moonachie Police Sergeants.

William D. Hunt was sworn in as Moonachie Fire Chief, Justin Derevyaniuk as 1st Assistant Chief and William H. Hunt as 2nd Assistant Chief. (Other Department Of-

ficers took their Oath during the installation dinner held on January 17, 2014. See page 33.)

Resolutions for appointments were made to include Frank Migliorino as Borough Attorney, Kevin Boswell as Borough Engineer, Paul Lerch as Borough Auditor, Helene Herbert as Special Tax Counsel. The Council adopted existing By-laws of the Mayor and

Council and set the schedule of 2014 meetings. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole was appointed for services in connection with the issuance of bonds and notes and Gail Fitzgerald for services as Financial Consultant.

Mayor Vaccaro made appointments with confirmation by the Council to include: Borough Administrator Anthony Ciannamea, Prosecutor Gregg

Padovano, Public Defender Mark Musella, Property Maintenance Official Buddy Evers, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Consent resolutions and payment of bills were passed. Council Committees for 2014 were assigned. ###



(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 2014 Reorganization Meeting

On January 5, 2014, at about 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 Richard J. Mucowski, O.F.M., Assumption Church.

The results of the Novem-

ber 5, 2013 election were announced by Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan. The Oath of Office was administered by Congressman William Pascrell to Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy. The Oath of Office was administered by Mayor Paul A. Sarlo to Councilman Joseph DiMarco. Dominick

Azzolini 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 2014.

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.

Council members made statements. The Mayor gave his Annual Address. There was a swearing in of newly appointed Members of Boards and Commissions. The meeting was open to the public. A complete list of all appointments is available at the Borough Clerk's Office. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

Angelic Voices Sing In 2



On Sunday, January 5, 2014, the Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, NJ, presented a sacred concert entitled "The Glory of Christmas -- Feast of the Epiphany," in the Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel.

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

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir, under the direction of Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak CSSF, on the organ/piano, and vocalist Sister Maria Magdalena Vallellanes, were several guest artists: trumpeter Dave DeRienzo, percussionist Bobby Reilly, chimes by Sr. Mary Angelica Smialowicz, accordionist Sal Torino and The Immaculate Conception High School Choral Group led by Mrs. Lisa Cupeles, Director.

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

Sister Theresa Mary Martin, CSSF, provided Proclamation of God's Word as well as opening and closing remarks. Words of Gratitude given by Sister Janice Jolin, SMIC.

The 90 minute concert included: "And the Angels Sang," "What Child is This," "My Tribute," "O, Come All Ye Faithful," "Jesus, Jesus, Rest Your Head," "We Three Kings," accordionist solo "Christmas Medley," "O Holy Night," "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and "Birthday of a King."

Proclamation of God's Word was followed by "Alleluia," "I Wonder as I Wander," "Sliczna Panienka," and accordionist solo

"Lullaby Medley."

Soloists Miriam Steinberg sang "Away in the Manger," and Sister Maria Magdalena sang "Ave Maria," accompanied by Linda Telesco performing a Spirit Dance.

"The Beautiful Mother," was followed by "Jubilate Deo," and everyone performing "Joy to the World."

Goodwill offerings were accepted with the proceeds given to their Felician Mission in the Philippines.

The Felician Sisters' Choir has presented "The Glory of Christmas Concert" 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 ###

The Glory of Christmas



Lights! Camera! Action!

On Friday, January 10, 2014, a full production crew with equipment, with ad agency, client and PR executives, descended upon the Moonachie Fire Headquarters to film about 20 firefighters, one Charmin bear and over 10,000 rolls of Charmin bathroom tissue for a

commercial. The commercial will begin airing on February 10, 2014, and continue for approximately four weeks. The Moonachie Fire Department got to keep the estimated one year supply of bathroom tissue. ###





HHFD 2014 Officers Take Oath of Office

During the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting on January 1, 2014, Mayor Rose Heck administered the Oath of Office to the Fire Department Officers.

Mayor Heck administered the Oath of Office individually to Chief Patrick Hayes, First Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo, and Second Assistant

Chief Richard Giarratana

Mayor Heck administered the Oath of Office to the Department officers as a group. The 2014 Officers are:

- Engine Company One: Captain Robert Pietz, Lt. Bernardo Valente.

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

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

- Rescue Squad: Captain Joseph Taylor, Jr. and Lt. Michael LeSane.

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

Carlstadt Fire Department 2014 Officers Take Oath of Office

On the evening of January 3, 2014, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed its 2014 Officers in a ceremony held in the Borough Council Chambers.

The program began with 2013 Chief Jarrett Milligan receiving his Ex-Chief's Badge by Carlstadt Mayor William Roseman, who also congratulated the Chief on a job well done during his term.

With Mayor Roseman presiding, the 2014 Officers took their Oaths of Office: Chief Robert Popejoy, Assistant Chief Thomas Sabia, Deputy Chief Tony D'Amico, Battalion Chief Stephen Capuano and President of the Board Christopher Oehlmann.

- Hook & Ladder Co. #1:



Captain Daniel Eckert, 1st Lt. Thomas J. Llewellyn and 2nd Lt. Steve Sass Jr.

- Bergen Engine Co. #1: Captain James Schmidt, 1st Lt. Steven Lahullier and 2nd Lt. Dennis Kronyak.

- Working Company Engine Co. #2: Captain John Harr, 1st Lt. TJ Ondrof and 2nd Lt. Walter Stankiewicz.

- F-Troop Engine Co. #3: Captain Gene Popejoy, Jr., 1st Lt. Gary Colombo and 2nd Lt. Sharief Kandiel.



- Emergency Squad: Captain Henry Riveros, 1st Lt. Jason Colombo, and 2nd Lt. Joe Biggy, Jr.

- Carlstadt Fire Department Auxiliary: President Barbara Kronyak, Treasurer Sue Cabri and Secretary Allison

Beckley.

At the conclusion of all officers receiving their Oath of Office, 2014 Fire Chief Robert Popejoy presented Battalion Chief Stephen Capuano with his Chief's white helmet. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



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

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(l-r) Lt. Robert Fuchs, Captain John Ruff (outgoing Chief), Deputy Chief Tony DiBlasio, Fire Chief Marty Loesner (second time), Battalion Chief Mike Mickendrow, Captain Steven Iurato and Lt. Leo Morolla. ###

Little Ferry Fire Department 2014 Officers Take Oath

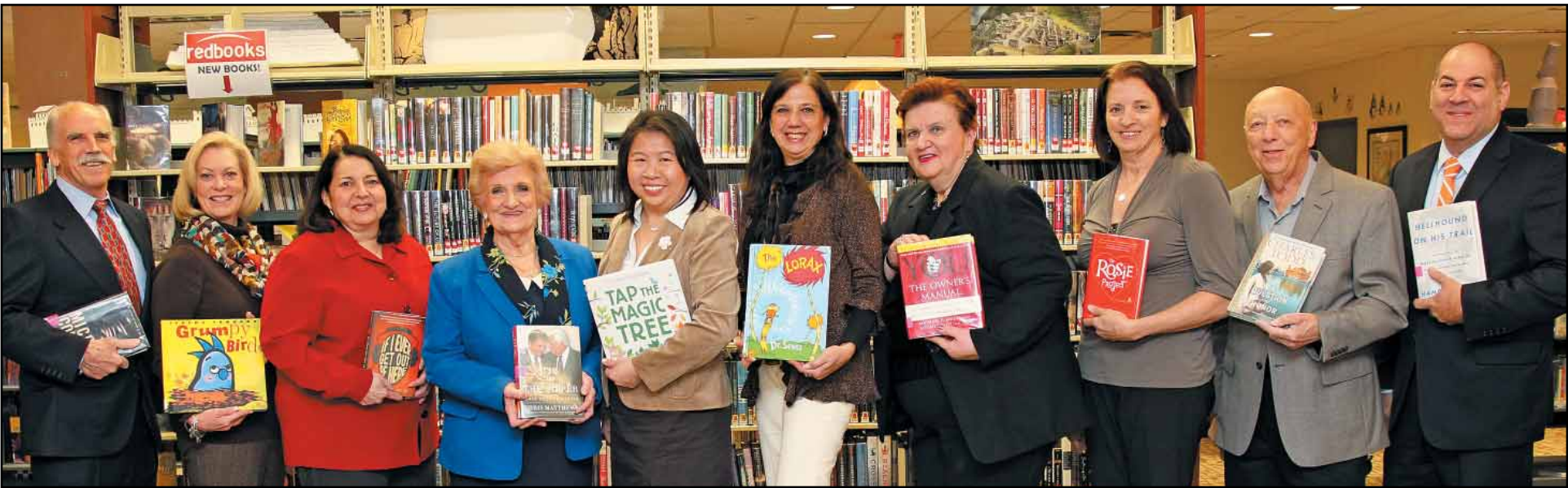
On Friday, December 20, 2013, The Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reorganization of the Fire Department.

Fire Chief John Ruff 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 the Officers for the year 2014, and upon motion was accepted.

The Oaths of Office and badges were presented. A plaque and Ex-Chief badge was presented to John Ruff.

The white helmet was presented to the new Fire Chief Marty Loesner. ###



Heights Library Board Reorganizes for 2014

The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. Lisa Traina was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and John Baratta as Treasurer. The Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. *Photo (l-r) Ronald Ellis, BOE Alternate Linda Mansfield, Council Liaison Sonya Buckman, Mayor Rose Heck, Library Director Mimi Hui, Lisa Traina, Patricia Link, Rose Ellen Lorber-Termaat, Mayor's Alternate Thomas Verrastro, and John Baratta. Not shown: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Porto. ###*



St. Baldrick's Buzz Off

Studio G Hair Salon, located at 242 Park Avenue, East Rutherford, hosted Suzanne Fonseca's "buzz off" on December 31, 2013. Suzanne raised over \$5,000 for St. Baldrick's. She not only donated 2 pony tails to "Locks of Love," she also shaved her

head to stand in solidarity with the children affected by cancer. Debbie Thomson, owner of Studio G Hair Salon, shaved Salvatore Fonseca's head while Brianna Thomson shaved Victor Fonseca's head. Melissa Taussi shaved Tyler Koch's head and Suzanne Fonseca's

head. Laurie LaTesta helped with the buzz off as well. Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan attended the event to show her support, as well as East Rutherford Councilman Joel Brizzi. *Photos by Rhiannon Livardo Photography. ###*

Lodi Senior News

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.

Recreational choices are senior yoga from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by Bingo at 1 p.m. Line dancing starts at 1 p.m. Games, ping pong, billiards, cards, or bocce in season or, you can just sit and chit chat.

For members, the charge for a Thursday visit is 50 cents. The membership fee is \$10 per year. The cost for the day is \$2 pp. Refreshments are served in the afternoon. You do not have to be a member.

Scheduled activities include April 11 - Installation Dinner at the Venetian, April 23 - casino trip, June 16-19 - trip to Rocking Horse Resort in New York, July 8 - Kentucky Fried Chicken luncheon at the Club, August 14 - Mohe-

gan Sun Casino, October 15 - Platzl Brauhaus, Pomona, NY Oktoberfest and December 12 - Christmas Party at the Venetian.

For more information about the Club, call 973-472-6994 on Thursdays when the Club is open. For transportation call-Rebecca at 973-367-4068. ###

Vic Hoofers

The Vic Hoofers is a ladies social club (*not a dancing group*) who meet on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Civic Center on Fourth Street.

All ladies from the surrounding towns are invited to join them for camaraderie, refreshments and fun. All aboard for Mexican Train on February 7, 2014. The yearly dues of \$12 will be due at the February meeting. Call Lucinda 201-933-1643. ###

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February 2014 Heights Senior Calendar

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 3, 10, 24

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

Tuesday, February 4, 11, 18, 25

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 19, 26

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

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

Thursday, February 6, 13, 20, 27

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 7, 21

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

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

Friday, February 14, 28

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

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

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

***The Center will be closed on
Monday, February 17 - Presidents Day***

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday February 5

10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting

Wednesday, February 12

12:30 p.m. Leisure Club meeting.

Program: Mike Gintella, singer

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Monday, March 17

Transportation, meal, two complimentary drinks and entertainment by Irish Tenor Dan Yates and the Jersey Dreamers. Cost \$60 pp. Bus leaves at 10 a.m. For details call Kathy at 201-288-6651.

Hunterdon Playhouse

Thursday, May 15

Transportation, great meal, including outstanding assortment of desserts followed by the hilarious comedy/mystery, "Busyboddy." Limited seating. Cost \$70 pp. For details call Kathy at 201-288-6651.

Seniors Informed About the Values of a Trust Fund

Despite the frigid weather, fifty members of the Leisure Club attended the meeting held on January 8, 2014. They found that an adjustment was made to the thermostat at the Senior Center making the room warmer and more comfortable.

The speaker for the day was Attorney Rhonda M. Benjamin. Her program was set up by Ms. Sharon Stoutland, Director of Admissions at the Oak Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

The topic for the program was "Preserving Your Assets for the Future."

Attorney Benjamin speaks weekly to senior groups in Northern and Central New Jersey as well as in New York. She offers them the knowledge that they so desperately need affecting them and their care.

The topics she speaks about range from Preserving Assets,



Estate Planning, Financial Elder Abuse, Senior Scams, Medicare, Medicaid, as well as divorce.

Ms. Benjamin's focus for the afternoon was on the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005, which among other provisions places severe new restrictions on the ability of the elderly or disabled to transfer assets before qualifying for Medicaid coverage for nursing home care.

Her focus was on the values of establishing a Trust Fund with your assets.

During the business portion of the afternoon, President Peter Gallo announced to the members that the Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health will have two Registered Nurses available at the Senior Center before and during all of the Leisure Club meetings to provide free consultations regarding weight, height, and blood pressure and will also be there to identify and discuss individual health risk factors.

He also reminded all that 2014 dues of \$12 are now due. The program of the meeting scheduled for February 12 will be singer Mike Gintella, who has entertained the group in the past and has always received great reviews. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Wallington AARP Members Welcome

AARP Chapter #4115 meets on the third Tuesday of the at 1:30 p.m. at the Wallington Civic Center on Union Boulevard. New members from the surrounding towns are invited to join. Refreshments are served after the meeting, and Bingo is played. ###

Bridgebuilders Wanted

Looking for something "New" for the New Year? Become a Kip Center Bridgebuilders Home Friend Volunteer and make a difference in the life of a homebound elderly or disabled person in your own community. You can help someone with shopping or transportation to a doctor's appointment. Our volunteers serve in Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights, Lyndhurst, North Arlington, Rutherford, Wood-Ridge and neighboring communities.

For information, call Cathy Baviello, 201-460-1600. ###

Mother Nature Disrupts AARP Meeting

Mother Nature must have a thing about keeping the members of the Central Bergen Chapter of AARP home. She is the reason for all the bad weather we have been having this year. She is the reason that the Chapter had to cancel their January 10, 2014 meeting. She was also the reason that the Chapter had to cancel two meetings last year.

The officers are hoping that no other meetings will be cancelled this year. They are looking forward to the February 14 meeting where they will be entertained by the Acoustic Duo Jeff and Karen and the

March 14 meeting where harpist and story teller Ardis Cavin will use her gift to charm and entertain the members.

Estella Hackel, Trip Chairperson has announced the following trips for the coming year; May 15, "The Magic of Mario;" June 19 "Can't Smile Without You;" and October 22, "Comedy Special." All luncheon shows will take place at the Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack. Participants are to provide their own transportation. The cost for each show is \$50. Twenty seats are available for each show. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. at the Civic Center. All Carlstadt residents 55 years or older are invited to join.

At the second meeting of the each month a nurse will provide free of charge blood pressure readings.

Refreshments are served and Bingo played after each meeting, with a jackpot Bingo on the second meeting of the month.

Their January 15 program was entitled "A Touch of Sinatra" and not only did Frank (Donnie Ferraro) sing, but they were surprised by the appearance of Johnnie Ray (Joe Gilligan).

Along with the great music, they heard Frank Sinatra's life story starting with his birth in



Hoboken. Members sang and hummed along and a dreary January day was brightened by these talented entertainers. Thanks guys.

There will be a speaker from Home Care for Seniors to provide information at the February 5 meeting.

Plans are also being made for their 35th Anniversary Party. Call Vinnie at 201-933-4733. *Story and photo provided by Eleanor Costa. ###*

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World Day of Prayer March 7

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On Friday, March 7, 2014, at 1 p.m., World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Services will be held at Episcopal Church of St. John the Divine, at the corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Coffee hour will follow. The facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Ethel Ball at 201-288-3611.

The World Day of Prayer USA promotes justice and equality for women through prayer, partnership, service and celebration. Please attend this very meaningful service.

This year's theme, "Streams in the Desert," was prepared by the women of Egypt.

Egypt: A place where history flows across every location like the Nile River flows through its land. A place where history speaks to us calling us to remember our past.

Egypt has been both a place of exile and a place of refuge. It is a place where streams flow through desert lands bringing with them the fertile nutrients needed for plants, trees, and all forms of life to flourish.

However, these streams are not only the physical rivers that we can dip our feet into. In the 2014 service we are invited to seek the streams of living water which Jesus offers.

We come to sit by a well in Samaria where a woman will meet Jesus and, in meeting him, will meet God. It was at this well that she was offered the life giving waters that became "in her a spring of water welling up to eternal life." It is in her meeting that we too are offered this living water. Come, let us dive into those waters and see what may come of our encounter

We are invited to think about our own lives and where we recognize streams in our own deserts; places and moments where God is actively at work.

To reflect on times when we, like the Samaritan woman,

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Oh Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to who God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, Hail Marys and Glorias.

Publication must be promised. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid, Amen. This novena has never been known to fail. This novena must be said for nine consecutive days. F.O.R. ###

have gone to the well looking for one thing and then discovered Christ offering us what we never expected. We will come not only to learn what this spring of living water is, but how we can, like the Samaritan woman, carry it back to our communities.

To see the transformation that can happen when we share our stories of encountering the living God. So come, drink your fill of the waters that God has to offer.

Invite your friends, families and communities of faith to join the women of Egypt 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." A different country is represented each year. For more details go to: www.wdpusa.org ###

Ensure Collected For AIDS Patients

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all Sunday and anticipated Masses of February 22-23, 2014.

As part of the program leading up to the observance, Assumption AIDS Ministry at all Masses during the weekend of February 8-9, will collect the dietary supplement, Ensure, which is needed for maintaining a healthy condition by those living with the virus. The Ensure will be donated to New Jersey Buddies in Hackensack. ###



Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge "Special Christmas Choir" performed its first Christmas Concert on December 22, 2013, under the direction of their new Director of Music, Ms. Kristen Dziuba. Photo by Marie Gallo. ###

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 March 9 to April 20, 2014.

These kits consist of washcloth, 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. ###

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Blood Pressure Check

The Carlstadt Health Department, in conjunction with the Health Awareness Regional Program of HackensackUMC, offers a free blood pressure program on the third Wednesday of every month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Carlstadt Senior Civic Center. Program includes information: prevent and manage blood pressure, body fat composition, manage stress, nutrition for healthy living, community health resources, etc. For more information call 551-996-2038. ###

February Birthstone
Amethyst

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. ###



Filling You In

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

Dental Emergencies

Dental emergencies can happen at any time. You and your children risk breaking teeth or injuring your mouth while eating, playing, exercising, and participating in other seemingly harmless activities, especially during the summer months. Oral injuries often are painful and should be treated by a dentist as soon as possible. Learn more about what to do in case of a dental emergency.

What are dental emergencies and how can I help my children avoid them?

Dental emergencies occur when the tooth breaks, cracks, becomes loosened, or is knocked out completely. Emergencies also include crowns coming off teeth or injuries to mouth tissue.

You can help your children avoid dental emergencies by taking simple precautions, including making sure they wear mouthguards during sports activities and avoid foods that could crack or break the teeth.

What should I do if my child's tooth is knocked out?

Your child's tooth will have the best chance of surviving dental trauma if you see your dentist within one hour of any emergency—so call immediately for an appointment. Handle the tooth by the crown (*the top*), not by the root (*the pointed part on the bottom*); touching the root could damage cells that are necessary to reattach the tooth to the bone. Gently rinse the tooth in water to remove dirt, but do not scrub it. Place the clean tooth in your child's mouth between

the cheek and gum to keep it moist. It is important not to let the tooth dry out, so if your child can't keep it in his or her mouth, wrap it in a clean cloth or gauze and immerse it in milk or the child's own saliva until you get to your dentist's office. If your child has a baby tooth knocked out, the tooth should not be replanted. However, your child should visit the dentist immediately to ensure no broken pieces of the tooth remain.

What should I do if my child's tooth is pushed out of position?

Call your dentist right away for an emergency appointment. In the meantime, attempt to reposition your child's tooth to its normal alignment using light finger pressure—but don't force it.

What should I do if my child's tooth is chipped or fractured?

There are different types of tooth fractures. Chipped teeth are minor fractures. Moderate fractures involve damage to the enamel, tissue, and/or pulp. A severely fractured tooth usually has been traumatized to the point that it cannot be recovered. If your child fractures a

tooth, rinse his or her mouth with warm water and use an ice pack or cold compress to reduce swelling. Contact your dentist immediately. He or she can smooth minor tooth fractures with a sandpaper disc, but some fractures may require restorative procedures. If you can find the broken tooth fragment, bring it with you to the dentist.

What should I do if tissue in my child's mouth is injured?

If your child experiences a tear, cut, puncture wound, or laceration on his or her cheek, lips, or tongue, immediately clean the wound with warm water. Bleeding from a tongue laceration can be reduced by pulling the tongue forward and using gauze to place pressure on the wound. Visit an oral surgeon for emergency care as soon as possible, or go to the emergency room if you cannot see an oral surgeon right away. Ref: Academy of General Dentistry April 2013

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

Tai Chi
Workshops

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is proud to sponsor workshops focused on Tai Chi Short Form. These workshops are free. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. They will be held once a month in The Library's conference room located at 320 Boulevard from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month. However, due to the holidays, the February class will be Monday, February 10. Starting in March, it will resume the third Monday evening of every month. No registration is required.

Tai Chi has been referred to as "yoga in motion." It is an exercise system that combines slow, graceful movement with calm regular breathing. Tai Chi has many styles and has become very popular as a means of maintaining good health and feelings of relaxation. These workshops will teach you what Tai Chi is, how to perform the basic movements, and how you benefit from it.

The instructor, Paul Barcia, has been practicing Tai Chi for over 15 years. He is a local businessman with a passion for Tai Chi and desire to spread his knowledge and experience. He studied under a well-recognized teacher, B. P. Chan. ###

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By Thomas Marshall

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Moore's Creek Bridge

The Battle of Lexington and Concord in 1775 changed everything. It shifted the Revolution from a war of words and arguments, to a war on the battlefield.

The King of England, King George the Third, was 100% correct when he said "Blows must decide who will rule America." The basic argument was simple. Many Americans wanted liberty. Many Americans also wanted to stay within the Empire of England. Both sides called out for soldiers.

In North Carolina, the Royal Governor Josiah Martin called for Loyalists to come out and defend the Colony against the American rebels.

English General Thomas Gage sent two Scotsmen, Donald MacLeod and Donald MacDonald, down to North Carolina to recruit Loyal Scots that lived there. They had some success. On February 15, 1776 around 3,500 men turned out at a meeting on Cross Creek. They discussed what to do next. Should they wait for British soldiers to arrive later that month, or march to the coast and await their arrival?

Anyone that ever met a Scotsman will tell you they are brave fighters. Being brave is needed in battle but at this moment in time, patience should have been the decision. They decided to march to the coast and reinforce the British soldiers expected to arrive.

The meeting at Cross Creek, North Carolina didn't go unnoticed by the American Patriots.

Colonel James Moore marched out of Wilmington, NC to remove the threat the loyal Scots posed. He had around 650 Patriots with him when they camped on Rockfish Creek.

Donald MacDonald needed to see what was in front of him now that Colonel Moore and his force blocked his march on the road to the coast.

He sent a messenger under a flag of truce to the camp and

ordered Moore to lay down his arms. His messenger would also get a look at Moore's defenses and troops. Moore sent the messenger back telling MacDonald to lay his arms down.

MacDonald wasn't looking for battle so he changed his route of march. He went around Moore's troops and crossed the Cape Fear River.

He then destroyed his boats to prevent Colonel Moore from easily following him. He and his loyalist Scots marched for Colbert's Ferry. This ferry crossed the Black River, but when they got to the ferry, it was already occupied by patriot militia under the Command of Richard Caswell.

Moore was worried that Caswell would be outflanked. So he detached Alexander Lillington with 250 men down to a bridge crossing of the Black River known locally as Moore's Creek Bridge.

MacDonald and his Loyal Scots prepared for battle to take the ferry, but a local slave told him about the bridge 10 miles further south that would be easier to cross than a ferry. Donald MacDonald put his men on the March again to get to the bridge.

Caswell knew Lillington didn't have enough men to hold the bridge. He and his men raced the 10 miles to Moore's Creek Bridge to reinforce the troops there.

Caswell had his men dig in and build some hasty fortifications on the same side of the river the loyalists would cross.

Here is where strategy and mistakes come into effect. MacDonald wanted to see how many men and what defenses were prepared.

So just like before, he sent a messenger under a flag of truce to demand the surrender of the bridge and to see what the Americans had. The order was of course refused.

When MacDonald's messenger told him that the Americans were on the same side of the river and that not many were there he realized his advantage.

If he could force the American patriots to retreat, they would have to funnel through the bridge to get across the river, making them easy targets for his riflemen. This was good news to him. He wanted to get across the river before Colonel Moore and his men would be in the area. He and his Highland Scots would attack in the morn.

When the messenger left Caswell's position, Caswell must have smiled.

He immediately ordered his men to cross the bridge and tear up the planks. They put grease on the hand rails so gripping them would be difficult. Lillington and his men were already digging entrenchments on the other side. Lillington had his men dig a half circle shape earthwork with one end on the south side of the bridge and the other end on the north side. They put cannon in the line as well, and the Patriots waited for the morning sun, as they gripped their rifles.

Before dawn on February 27, 1776, MacDonald and his Tories moved out of camp and headed for the bridge.

MacDonald was ill from the hard marches and turned over command to Lieutenant Colonel Donald MacLeod.

Not a wise move to do this to your second in command only hours before battle, but that's just my opinion.

Captain Alexander McLean approached the bridge with his Company.

A Patriot sentry called out to him to identify himself. McLean yelled back that he was a friend of the King. McLean then challenged the sentry.

When he received no answer he told his Company to fire. Rifles from both sides of the river began to fire back and forth. Here is where they should have waited. The Tories didn't have any information of what was on the other side of the river.

Colonel MacLeod with Captain John Campbell and a company of the loyal Scots crossed over the bridge anyway.

Wearing kilts and carrying broadswords they charged forward in the true Highlander way. No true man, then or now could say they weren't or aren't impressed by such bravery.

As brave as they were, when they came close enough to the earthworks, Caswell's men cut them down in a storm of musket balls. MacLeod alone was hit with 20 bullets.

The Tories realized they could not stand up to such firepower and retreated over the bridge the way they came. Caswell had a company of his men cross over the river north of the bridge to cut off their retreat.

Over the next few days over 800 prisoners were taken and the Tory movement was crushed in North Carolina.

The Patriots had one man killed and a few wounded. The Tories had about 50 men killed.

This battle is not found in every book on the Revolution. I imagine it gets pushed to the back or deleted due in part to its size. You can find larger battles,

but this one had a deep impact on the war in the Southern States.

Never again would the Tories or Loyalists come out in support of the British cause the way they did in 1776. Also, it was a Battle between North Carolinians, a kind of Civil War within a Revolution, if you will.

Things might have turned out differently if MacDonald had been more patient, but lucky for us he wasn't. The Patriots erased the Tory spirit and MacDonald's Command, in a small forgotten battle 238 years ago, at Moore's Creek Bridge. ###

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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

The other day while flipping through the pages of my high school year book I came across a photo of a fellow classmate of mine by the name of Thomas Robertson.

I don't recall ever hanging out with him during the course of my stay at LHS, but we evidently knew one another well enough for him to sign my year book.

What he wrote across his photo was particularly interesting to me since it had a prophetic twist that made me sit back and wonder if the past is really the future in disguise. "Arthur" he wrote, "have a good time staying on the corner of Arnot street and Westervelt Place. There's a good future there." Signed Tommy. Mind you that this was written 49 years ago and I don't recall ever having read it until recently.

Was it meant as sound advice or was it a sarcastic dig aimed at the eternal image of me that reflects back into the universe from that corner store window even as you read this?

My image, as well as the images of all those magical people who shared that corner with me, shall remain in that window long after I depart from this planet.

The Kids

From Westervelt Place:

From my book The Poetry of Westervelt Place.

How can such a forgotten street

Hide all these memories?

More than who'll remember

In the coming centuries.

All the faces young and old
Still brighter than the day
we were gathered by the
hands of God

Like dandelions in May.

The corner store, a meeting place

Not yet understood

Within that fleeting moment came

the seal of brotherhood.

Fini

Truth is that I have been returning to that sacred corner over and over again during the

course of my adult life.

Those of you who have been reading this column over the years have followed me there and in doing so have been reminded of happier times where you have cast a reflection of your own.

Let's face it folks who can blame us for wanting to return to those marvelous and care free days of our youth.

Baby boomers like me can recall friendly streets where everyone knew their neighbor and you could walk down to the corner store and leave your door unlocked without the fear of being robbed.

Today we have to keep our doors locked even when we are home and still we don't feel safe.

I know what some of you are saying "the artful thinker has become a bit of a pessimist." Well that's what I get for watching the news first thing in the morning. From now on I'm going to watch cartoons or Andy Griffith show re-runs with Aunt B and Floyd the Barber.

When I watch the news at daybreak I'm a pessimist by noon. By supper time I'm writing columns like this one. It's no wonder then why I'm always looking for my friends from Westervelt Place.

Actually the Westervelt place that I keep returning to took up less than half of the block. It began and ended with the corner store. Within that distance life was giving us the best it had to offer.

The street games seldom if ever went beyond the Albano Family's garage which was located a few hundred feet in from the corner at the rear of their store.

My home was located up the block on the corner of Arnot Street and Westminster Place.

Next door to us were the Levi Family; Lee, his wife, Ida and their two teenage children, Joan and Julius.

Next to them was a barber shop owned by Sal "The Barber" Decarro and his wife, Nancy. Later, on the lot next to the barber shop, was built

the home of Martin and Gloria Fiego and their two young children, Judy and John.

Today that entire section of Arnot Street has been reduced to a parking lot. All that is left standing is the clothes line pole which was placed in, what was then, my back yard. The silver pole was tall enough to hold two clothes lines. One for my Mother and one for my Aunt Pauline who lived upstairs with her husband, Andrew and their children, Marie and Cathy.

At times, with all those clothes drying in the warm summer sun, the back of my yard resembled a US Navy Flagship. I knew which way the wind was blowing by looking at my father's boxer shorts.

If I saw my Mom pulling the clothes in early that meant that the boxer shorts were blowing in an easterly direction... rain was on the way. It was like having our own weather vane.

The legendary corner store that you have read so much about over the past ten years or so was owned and operated by Louis Albano and his hard working wife, Josephine.

Aside from being the neighborhood grocery store "Rockies" (named after Lou's father who was the original owner) was also a butcher shop.

Located at the rear of the store behind the white marble counter was a large walk-in freezer which was always filled with whole sides of beef, lamb, pork and other perishables some of which belonged to neighbors who didn't have any where else to store them.

Lou always accommodated, after all they were more than just customers they were part of the Westervelt Place family. Lou never refused.

That store, as far as the kids from Westervelt place were concerned, was the center of the universe. It was the gateway to the land of childhood dreams. It was a shelter from the harsh realities of life which allowed us the freedom to embrace life with carefree hearts.

Perhaps you who are reading this column had a corner store in your life. And if it was anything like mine the shelves were stocked with more than groceries, they were stocked with the food of life that was shared in plentitude.

In retrospect, that yearbook message was sound advice after all. Staying on the corner of Arnot street and Westervelt Place did have a "good future" after all. ###



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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney

**Real Estate 101, Part 2**

In our last article, we began reviewing a few real estate basics on the hugely interesting subject: “the benefits of home ownership.”

We covered ‘Owning a Home vs. Renting’ and – if you ask me – we did a pretty good job arguing in favor of home ownership by showing that homeowners enjoy steady payments (*helping them in the fight against inflation*) while getting wonderful tax savings by deducting the mortgage interest from their regular income.

Now, we’re going to look at the additional benefit of building equity. Two facets to this topic.

Building Equity Through Paying Down Your Mortgage. Equity in your home is very simply the difference between what your house is worth and what you owe the bank.

Each month a portion of your payment goes towards paying down the amount that you owe, so it’s kind of like a little savings account.

When you rent, you are still paying down the mortgage, the only difference is you’re putting money in your landlord’s equity by paying the principal portion of his payment.

We work very hard for our money, especially today with the tough economy. How do you feel about just giving your money away? Would you just give away your hard earned money to pay into someone else’s savings account every month?

Well, this is exactly what you’re doing when you rent. This shift of paying rent to paying a bank, as we’ve seen so far, provides you three huge benefits.

First, you can stop the annual rent increase letters you get at the end of every lease from your landlord.

Second, you’re able to get more money out of your paycheck right away.

And, third, you’re able to shift from paying into your landlord’s equity to paying into your own. And, in some increasingly rare instances (*as the market improves*), you can actually pay less each month more a mortgage than you can in rent for a comparable home...

Building Equity Through Appreciation. You may not be thinking there is any appreciation to be gained in a home by listening to the news over the last couple years.

But that’s all history now and – as we old-timers know well – it’s always best to take the long view.

Consider this very simple example: the median price of a home here in Hasbrouck Heights was around \$100,000 in 1985.

By 2013 the median price had increased to around \$320,000. So, if you had bought a \$100k home in Heights and kept it until 2013, you’d have gained \$220,000 value.

Furthermore, putting this together with paying down the mortgage can really open your

eyes to the benefit of owning versus renting.

Let’s say, for argument sake, that you got a mortgage at 6% interest and borrowed the entire amount from the bank, so you had no money out of your pocket.

By 2013, you would have paid down your mortgage to just under \$12,000. So, your equity build-up from paying down your mortgage would be \$100,000 - \$12,000 or \$88,000. So, your total equity in the house is \$220,000 + \$88,000 = \$308,000.

And, even if you are now living in a home worth \$320,000, your monthly payment is based on that original loan of \$100,000; and so your payments are still only around \$1,000 per month while the market rent would have increased to over \$2,000/month.

So, I ask you: How long would it take you to save up \$308,000 on your salary, living in a \$320,000 home paying market rent which would now have increased to over \$2,000 per month? How long? Fuggedaboutit!

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If you have a legal issue(s) arising out of Superstorm Sandy, you are eligible to receive free legal counsel and advice and brief services from volunteer attorneys of Volunteer Lawyers for Justice.

Private one-on-one sessions are available. Persons needing more involved assistance may, if financially eligible, be referred back to VLJ for placement with an attorney. If you cannot attend a clinic in person, please call VLJ’s toll-free disaster hotline at 855-301-2525. To receive services, all issues must relate to Superstorm Sandy. NJ matters only.

The next legal clinics are Thursdays, January 30, February 13 and 27, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. at the Recovery Information Center, 221 Moonachie Road in Moonachie. ###

home repair and advocacy for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities to replace or repair damages to their primary residences/property, but not covered through other programs.

Home repairs must be essential to safely sustain the individual in their own home.

Work includes interior wall boards, mold remediation, heating/cooling systems, electrical repairs, roofing, tree removal, debris removal, siding, doors, windows, foundation, floors, plumbing, etc. Accessibility features may also be eligible.

Program Limit: the program has a cap of \$5,000 per household. Funds are paid directly to the vendor. The program does not provide reimbursement for repairs already made.

Restrictions apply. The application is filled out at the Recovery Information Center. If the client has mobility issues, the VOAD/LTRC staff will conduct a home visit to fill out the application.

To Apply: clients must register at the Bergen VOAD/LTRC Recovery Information Center at 221 Moonachie Road in Moonachie. Please call 201-470-3143 for an appointment for intake. ###

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Norman Rockwell Exhibit at Nerwork Museum

An important exhibition that explores Norman Rockwell's unparalleled role as an American icon-maker and storyteller will be on view at the Newark Museum from February 28 through May 26, 2014. The exhibition American Chronicles: The Art of Norman Rockwell is organized by Norman Rockwell Museum, Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

Norman Rockwell (1894-1978) painted the best of America, creating indelible images of the lives, hopes and dreams of Americans in the 20th century.

Expertly weaving both narrative and painterly images, he was a consummate visual storyteller with a finely honed sense of what made an image successful in the new, rapidly changing era of mass media.

Rockwell's unique artistic legacy, established during 65 years of painting, offers a personal chronicle of 20th century life and aspirations that has both reflected and profoundly influenced American perceptions and ideals.

All of the original works on view in American Chronicles are drawn from the permanent collection of the Norman Rockwell Museum, including such beloved and well-known images as "Triple Self-Portrait" (1960), "Girl at Mirror" (1954), "Going and Coming" (1947), and "Art Critic" (1955).

The exhibition will include materials from the Norman Rockwell Museum's archives demonstrating how Rockwell worked, proceeding from preliminary sketches, photographs, color studies and detailed drawings to the finished painting.

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

Healthy Cookies for the Homeless

The Bergen County Academies Chapter of SkillsUSA has always made great efforts to give back to their community, and continues to follow in that tradition.

The goal for 2013-2014 is to provide healthy food for the needy, including cancer patients, and to promote awareness about the importance and benefits of healthy eating.

Together, the members of their SkillsUSA Chapter, including their Community Service Team, spent Saturday, December 21, 2013 volunteering and baking healthy cookies for the homeless.

The students baked the cookies, and packaged them with handwritten notes.



On January 17, 2014, Rutherford Municipal Court Judge Warren S. Stroedecke was sworn in for a third term by Superior Court Judge Joseph R. Rosa, Jr. while daughter Katrina and wife Eva look on. ###

W-R Lions Receive District Honor

At the January 2014 Lions District 16A meeting, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club was recognized and presented the District's prestigious Pioneer Award.

This award, established in 1996, is given to individual Lions or Clubs who "blazed the trails over the years and to those who will do so in the future."

Past Presidents Jack Nagel, Edward Garrett, and Past District Governor Dennis Brubaker, also Club Secretary, were previous Pioneer Award recipients.

The Wood-Ridge Lions also added their 52nd member to their roster in January. New Lion Fred Dressel IV was sponsored by Past President Jack Nagel and Past District Governor Dennis Brubaker conducted the induction ceremony.

Current President Dave Gotha congratulated the newest Lion and said that he was proud to see that the Club continues to grow.

The Wood-Ridge Lions, chartered in 1939, will be celebrating their 75th anniversary at a Dinner Dance to be held at the Fiesta on Friday, October 17, 2014. As this special event nears, more information will be published. ###

Coat Drive

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

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

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

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

The organization's goal for 2014 is to distribute 50,000 warm coats to those in need. For more information visit www.jerseycares.org or www.handsonnetwork.org.

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

Keep your family safe by checking for product recalls

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Prevention Bureau recommends that you periodically check the US Consumer Product Safety Commission's web site for recent recalls and product safety news at: www.cpsc.gov

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Gift Cards Given to Burned Out Family

On Saturday, December 28, 2013, at Lodi Fire Department Headquarters, the NJ/NY Volunteer Fireman's Association presented gift cards to a family with 3 small children that lost everything when their Arnot Street home was burned out on December 19, 2013.

The three alarm fire began about midnight in the basement. From 75 to 100 firefighters fought the heavily involved fire that was under control in 35 to 40 minutes.

The New Jersey and New York Volunteer Firemen's Association serves Rockland and

Bergen County and has about 1,000 members. They are celebrating their 100th Anniversary. 100% of the funds they generate are applied to scholarships, firefighters burial benefits and special needs. For more information go to: njnyvfa.org ###



Lorenc Promoted to Lieutenant

During the East Rutherford 2014 reorganization meeting, ER Police Sergeant William Lorenc was sworn in as East Rutherford Police Lieutenant. Joining Lt. Lorenc and his family were Mayor John L. Cassella, Police Commissioner Joel Brizzi and Police Chief Larry Minda. ###



Moonachie Promotes Sergeants

During the Moonachie Reorganization Meeting held on Sunday, January 5, 2014, James D. McNeice and Anthony T. Fugnitti were promoted to Moonachie Police Sergeants. Chief Michael J. Maguire center. ###



Hasbrouck Heights Hires Police Officer

Kevin Condal was appointed as a Hasbrouck Heights Probationary Patrolman during the Hasbrouck Heights Reorganization Meeting held on January 1, 2014. ###



Little Ferry Hires Police Officer

Christopher Nepil was sworn in as a Little Ferry Police Officer during the Little Ferry Reorganization Meeting held on January 7, 2014. ###



Hasbrouck Heights Dryer Fire

On Monday, December 30, 2013, at 12:23 hours, Hasbrouck Heights Fire Command responded to the scene of a dryer fire at a Division Avenue home and requested a second alarm.

The fire was quickly knocked down by the Engine 616 team who pulled water line and advanced to the base-

ment, containing the fire to the clothes dryer and surrounding area. Truck 617 vented and searched first and second floors. Wallington F.A.S.T. Team and Wood-Ridge Engine assisted. Moonachie Engine, Lodi Ladder, and Little Ferry Ladder staged at HHFD Fire Headquarters for coverage of town. ###



Cigarette Causes Garbage Fire

On January 12, 2014, at 11:38 hours, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to Columbia Boulevard for a fire on the outside of a house.

All three Chiefs arrived and found a fire had started in the garbage and spread to the exterior rear wall of the house.

The fire had been knocked down by the homeowner with three fire extinguishers prior

to the arrival of the Fire Department. E902 stretched a 1-3/4" hand line and firefighters removed the wall covering and wet the area down.

The house was checked for fire extensions. The cause was determined to be a discarded cigarette. The homeowner was evaluated for smoke inhalation and declined transport to the hospital. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



New Year's Eve Motor Vehicle Crash

On Tuesday, December 31, 2013, at 17:48 hours, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department was dispatched to Valley Boulevard and Wood-Ridge Avenue for a motor vehicle crash.

Chief Scott Russo arrived on scene and found a minivan

had crashed into a utility pole. The driver was transported to HUMC with moderate injuries by EMS 906. The vehicle was secured by firefighters until removed from the scene by a tow truck. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###

Lodi Fire Department 2014 Installation Dinner



On January 18, 2014, the Lodi Fire Department held its annual Chief's Installation Dinner at the Royal Manor in Garfield, honoring Fire Chief Keith Bruining, First Assistant Chief Adam Bene, Second Assistant Chief Mike Varrecchia and Third Assistant Chief John Funk. The Lodi Fire Department Honor Guard sharply marched to the center and First Assistant Chief Adam Bene led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Master of Ceremonies, Richard Dowson, introduced the guests, followed by Chaplain Peter Christiana providing the Invocation. Richard Dowson gave the champagne toast. The 2014 Chiefs and 2013 Ex-Chief Matt Lombardi presented their wives a bouquet of roses. Presentations were made to Chief Bruining by Lodi Fire Department members and Mutual Aid Chiefs. Mayor Mark Shreiks and Chief Bruining made remarks. At the conclusion of the program, all were surprised by the rousing presentation of the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band performance. ###





Moonachie Fire Department 2014 Installation Dinner

On January 17, 2014, the Moonachie Fire Department held its annual Dinner at the Graycliff.

Ex-Chief Justin Derevyaniuk was Master of Ceremonies. 2nd Assistant Chief William Hunt led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Dennis Vaccaro gave the Oath of Office to the 2014 Officers. Recognition was given to Leo DeCandia and Joseph DiMauro who provided special assistance to the rebuilding committee.

Mutual Aid Departments, Moonachie Mayor and Council, Moonachie Fire Department members and Ladies Aux-

iliary made presentations to Ex-Chief Victor Migliorino. Victor reflected on his three years as Department Chief, giving extra special thanks to his wife, Jamie, for her support. Victor then presented his 2013 Officers each with a plaque of appreciation for their service.

Ex-Chief Phillip Miuccio, on behalf of former Chiefs, presented Victor a plaque recognizing his service. Derevyaniuk made the traditional toast.

Former member, Rev. Kenneth Reihl, provided the Benediction. A slide show created by Chris Halloran was presented. ###



Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2014 Installation Dinner

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on January 11, 2014, 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 2014. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by First Assistant Chief Ronald Phillips Jr., fol-

lowed by a moment of silence. The Invocation was given by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon Frank Matera. The Fire Department Officers were sworn in by NJ Senator and Wood-Ridge Mayor, Paul Sarlo, with the Bible held by Chief Russo's son, Michael. The 2014 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. 2014 WRFD Emergency

Squad Officers - Captain Eric Yapple, Lieutenant Justin Berta, Corresponding Secretary Corey Sherman, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Ferry and Treasurer Steve Sarracino. 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. Presentations were made by Mutual Aid Departments.

Mayor Sarlo and Fire Commissioner Dominick Azzolini made remarks. Ex-Chief Thomas Bischoff Jr. and Chief Scott Russo recognized retired members' service and presented them with plaques. The traditional toast was given by Ronald Phillips. The concluding Benediction was given by Fr. Richard Mucowski, Pastor of Assumption Church. ###



HHFD 2014 Installation Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held its Installation Dinner for Chief Patrick Hayes and the Department Officers at The Graycliff on Saturday, January 4, 2014.

Master of Ceremonies, Second Assistant Chief Richard Giarratana, acknowledged

Borough Officials and visiting dignitaries who were in attendance. First Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Jean Giarratana.

The introduction of The Department Officers was followed by the traditional toast

by Second Assistant Chief Giarratana.

Mayor Rose Heck, Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez and Chief Patrick Hayes spoke. Floral bouquets were presented to the Chiefs' wives and Fire Chief's Secretary, Nancy Halloran. Music at the event was

provided by Black Magic Entertainment.

For his service as Fire Chief, the Mayor and Council presented Second Assistant Chief Giarratana a Certificate of Appreciation. The Department presented him with several mementos.

Presentations by Mutual Aid Fire Departments were made to Chief Hayes.

Departmental presentations were made.

A plaque was presented by NJ Aviation Hall of Fame Trustee, Fritz Rethage, to The Department, recognizing their continuing support.

The surprise highlight of the evening was the marching in of the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band. ###



Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 10, 2014, the Junior Women’s Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 21st Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School. Thirty-two top spellers from the 4th and 5th Grade classes of Corpus Christi, Euclid and Lincoln Schools competed to be the best. The top three spellers from this event were invited to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee. The winners were 1st Place: Vatsal Baherwani, 5th Grade Euclid School; 2nd Place, Linda Kalna, 5th Grade Lincoln School; 3rd Place, Manahil Syed, 5th Grade Lincoln School. Awards were given to these spellers. Judges were Robert La Morte, Trustee, Hasbrouck Heights BOE, Joseph Samperi, Trustee, Hasbrouck Heights BOE, and Mimi Hui, Director, Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. The Pronouncer was Marie Joyce, Children’s Librarian, Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. The Moderator was Mary K. Blanusa, President JWC. ###



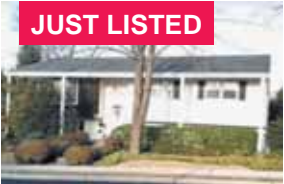
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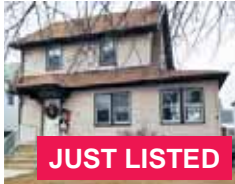
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