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PRSRT STD U.S. POSTAGE **PAID** PERMIT 280 LANC., PA 17604 The romanticized holiday season has become a distant memory. Winter has set in. It's cold. Dreary gray. It's dark too early. There are no leaves to rustle... just a naked wind whistling through leafless trees, biting the face and cutting through those warm clothes to chill your soul. Cozy warm homes are nice. A fireplace is delightful. Cocooning in toasty covers and sleeping in are heavenly. But for a hardy few, winter is awesome. What cold? Frigid temperature ... Ha! A pair of ice skates, a frozen parking lot makes a great ice rink ... now that's heaven. (See Skating Returns to Rutherford, page 17.) Bring on the snow, I want to go sledding too!

# Winterized



# **American Legion Post 106 Donates to Food Pantry**

Legion Post 106 in Hasbrouck Heights certainly continued the giving spirit of the holiday

On January 7, 2015, the Le-

### 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 15.

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, by February 12. 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 14, 2015, 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. ###

# The members of American gionnaires presented a \$1,000 check to the Hasbrouck Heights

Food Pantry. Robert Brady, Di-

rector of Recreation and Senior Activities, accepted the check

for the Borough from Post Commander Michael Cahill.

"It is something we normally support," Commander Cahill said. "We used most of our money in support of Veterans' activities and a portion of our money to the Community Food Pantry, Library, Boy Scouts, the Children's Dyslexia Center, etc. Photo and story provided by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

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## **Beefing it Up for Special Olympics**

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department held their 13th Annual Beefsteak Fundraiser to benefit the Special Olympics. This was their largest beefsteak ever -- selling out with over 380 attending, generating over \$16,285 and consuming 900 pounds of beef. Their first Beefsteak was held at the Pioneer Club, with subsequent Beefsteaks held at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW. ###



Jersey Pizza owners Robert LaPietra, Brian Moscatelli and Luca Draganescu were welcomed by the Wood-Ridge Mayor and Council during a ribbon cutting ceremony on January 3, 2015. Jersey Pizza is located at 200 Hackensack Street. For more information go to www.jerseypizzaco. com or call 201-728-8600. ###

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Participating in this group photo were: Caitlin Byrne (*Center for Hope and Safety*), Lauren Rhoden (*AvPORTS*), Rocchino Bellantuono (*AvPORTS*), John Kastens (*AvPORTS*), Renee Spann (*Port Authority*), Bobby Edwards (*Jet Aviation-TEB*), Kevin Pattermann (*Jet Aviation-TEB*), Don Fazio (*World Fuel Services*), Kelly Manzo (*Meridian-TEB*), Kirk Stephen (*Meridian-TEB*), Joe Langschultz (*Meridian-TEB*), and Joy Glassman (*Meridian-TEB*). Participants not available for this photo were Nicole Kelker (*Dassault Falcon Jet*), and Jackie Vibbert (*Signature-TEB*). ###

# TEB Airport Community Heeds a Holiday Call

On Friday, December 19, 2014, hundreds of new, unwrapped gifts for children, teenagers and women were donated by the Teterboro Airport community, as part of their 21st Annual Toy Drive, to Center for Hope and Safety (formerly Shelter Our Sisters in 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. 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, including emotional, economic, sexual and physical abuses..."

Consequently, these families have fled from their dysfunctional environments and receive "...safety, strength and hope..." at the Center for Hope and Safety. Last year, they provided shelter, transitional

housing, outreach counseling and support to over 980 women and their children. Last holiday, they were able to provide for 300 families, including 500 children.

For more information go to: www.hopeandsafetynj.org ###



# **Knights** of Honor

On Monday, January 19, 2015, Medieval Times King and Queen character actors "knighted" students.

Children colored a medieval-themed page, presented it to the King and Queen, were knighted with a "real sword," then selected a toy. Assisting in the toy selection were Moonachie Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, So. Hackensack Mayor Bill Regan and Little Ferry Councilwoman Roberta Henriquez.

The toys were collected by Medieval Times in Lyndhurst. The event took place at the Meadowlands Family Success Center, 100 Washington Avenue, Little Ferry, associated with the Meadowlands Y. ###

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# **Artful Thinking**

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

#### **Magical Past**

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed my two part series about my dog Dusty and the Christmas miracle.

While we are on the subject of childhood memories there is another cute story that I'd like to share with you just in time for Valentine's Day.

It concerns my friend Johnny Rannou and the "girl from the Bronx." Sit back, relax, put your reading glasses on, if needed, and come with me on yet another journey into the magical past.

It was the Summer of 1959...an 11 year old, very pretty, I might add, girl from the Bronx paid a visit to Westervelt Place making for some interesting goings on among a few of the neighborhood boys namely me and a kid by the name of Johnny Rannou.

The girl from the Bronx arrived for what was a two week vacation at the home of her aunt and uncle who lived six houses down from Albano's corner store next door to the Calarie family.

A few of us boys were in front of the Albano's garage playing a game that my cousin Johnny Mags invented called Single, double, triple.

Suddenly, as if from out of one of my dreams, and there were many, walked this vision of loveliness and completely disrupted the game. The girl had striking green eyes, a clear olive complexion, silky brown hair that she wore in a pony tail. Some of you might remember a song from back then called "What is Love?" sung by the Playmates. Johnny Rannou had it playing on his transistor radio as she walked by:

What is love?

Five feet of heaven and a pony tail

The cutest pony tail

That sways with a wiggle when she walks.

Gee how innocent it was... anyway the girl from the Bronx was that song come to life.

What a lovely sight she was to our 11 year old eyes. She wore blue shorts, a white top, thick white socks and Saddle shoes. Life on our cozy little street had suddenly taken on new meaning especially for me and Rannou who were immediately vying for her attention.

Johnny Rannou had the advantage since he lived on Westervelt Place, only a few houses up from where she was staying.

He was also good friends with a girl who lived directly across the street from the green eyed beauty and who had developed an instant friendship with her. Are you following me folks?

I, on the other hand, had no such friend and lived around the corner a half a block away unaware as to what the competition was doing. I had to walk down Arnot Street, turn the corner onto Westervelt Place, and pass Rocco's Garage only to find Johnny Rannou across the street sitting on his front steps with his female friend and the girl from the Bronx.

They were listening to his transistor radio...by the way Johnny Rannou was the only kid on the block with a transistor radio, which put the odds even more in his favor. I had to come up with a plan in a hurry. She was only going to be here for another week and time was of the essence.

Earlier that week Rocco told me that the girl from the Bronx had been stopping at the store each morning at 8 a.m. sharp for milk and other items for her aunt.

My plan was to get up the next morning at 7:30 and wait on my cousin Anthony's front steps for her to pass by on her way to the store...by the way my cousin lived directly across from Rannou and four houses up from the Bronx beauty.

Just as Rocco informed me there came the girl with her dimpled smile, that confident walk, and those dark green eyes that sparkled like diamonds in the early morning sun.

My chance had come, the moment of truth was about to unfold and I was ready!

Finally I'd have my shot at the girl from the Bronx while Johnny Rannou was still fast asleep. All was going as planned until it was time for me to speak.

My tongue felt like it had grown to the size of a Virginia ham. Out of my mouth fell wounded, saliva drenched syllables and fractured sentences. My jaw was so heavy that I couldn't close my mouth.

Can you picture this folks? Did this ever happen to you? All I could do was sit there glued to the step like a piece of dried up bubble gum smiling nervously as she walked by.

A few minutes later and much to my utter shock and disbelief the girl from the Bronx was on her way back from the store walking hand in hand with...you guessed it...Johnny Rannou!

He had the girl in one hand

February Flower
Violet

and a loaf of Tip Top bread in the other. It had turned out that Rannou, sly fox that he was, was one step ahead of me and had been waiting in the store for her the whole time.

Rocco swore that he had nothing to do with it and I believed him. "You were out smarted" he said "You've got to get up pretty early in the morning to fool Johnny Rannou."

#### Rannou:

#### By Artie Maglionico

The Store on the corner
Is alone and dismayed
The children have vanished
Not one of them stayed.
The street is now empty
Just the night passes
through.

It stops at the home
Of our dear friend Rannou.
But he is not there
Just his echoes remain
Like the songs of a funeral
With their haunting re-

The houses are gone
On the Arnot Street hill
The people went with them
Yet I see them there still.
They are lost apparitions
That have formed like the

On the ground where they ween

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Our population now embraces Indian, Chinese, Tibetan, and Korean residents. They plan to highlight and celebrate each of these cultures.

They will begin in February with the celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year.

A free performance of Chinese Folk Dances by Qing Yang Dance Studio will be held on Sunday, February 15 from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Senior Center located in the Municipal Building at 320 Boulevard.

On Saturday, February 21, Professor John Olenik of Montclair State University will be the guest speaker from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Library's conference room.

He will share his experiences in China and knowledge of the diverse cultures and people of China. Registration is requested.

For the month of February they will use books, displays, lecture and performance to highlight the current events and traditional culture.

They will follow this in April with Korea as the focus. Then in June they will celebrate Buddha's birthday and highlight Tibetan culture. They will round out their celebration in September by presenting

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> This series of events is offered as a result of being awarded a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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## Westchester **Broadway Dinner** Theatre March 15

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

The bus departs from Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Wallington, at 3:45 p.m. Dinner is at 5:15 p.m., with show time at 7 p.m.

All reservations are due February 27, 2015! Payment is due at the time of reservation. Call Pat at 201-438-0636 or Ginny at 201-715-2087 for information and reservations.

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# **Turkey** Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

Turkey dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/students. For take out orders call 201-438-5526.

In case of inclement weather, call 201-438-5526. ###

#### **Pancake Breakfast** February 15

Rochelle Park American Legion Post 170 and Lodi American Legion Post 136 will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 15, 2015, at the Rochelle Park Post at 33 W. Passaic Street, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

## **First Saturday** Free Luncheon

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie on February 7, 2015, at 11:30 a.m. for the "First Saturday Free Lunch" program.

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

## Brunch at Fiesta March 1

Carlstadt Mixed Chorus presents a brunch at the Fiesta, Rt. 17 South in Wood-Ridge, on March 1, 2015, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Donation \$40. Music by Wernergoebel. For reservations call 201-652-0968 or 201-777-6677. ###

#### Shamrock 5K Run

The 4th Annual 5K Michael Cassiday Shamrock 'N' Run will be held rain or shine, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 14, 2015 in Rutherford. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Proceeds to benefit national Brain Tumor-Society. For details go to www. shamrocknrun5K.org.

# Fish & Chips February 18

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church, East Rutherford, is sponsoring a Fish and Chips dinner to be held on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph's School cafeteria.

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

Tickets will be sold after all Masses on January 31, February 1, 7, 8, 14 and 15. For tickets please call Janet at 201-438-5892 or Jean at 201-438-6708. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

#### W-R Knights Corned Beef Dinner March 14

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Anthony Council 11585 in Wood-Ridge will host their 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2015.

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 cost is \$20 per person. Members of the Knights are selling the tickets. PG ###

## **WR Band** Festival Feb. 6

Fifth Annual Wood-Ridge Schools Band Festival 2015 Concert will be held on Friday, February 6, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. at the Wood-Ridge Jr/Sr High School Auditorium, 258 Hackensack Street, Wood-Ridge.

This free one-hour concert is open to the public. Under the direction of Mrs. Baumgartner, Ms. Payne, and Mrs. Manolakakis, band students from WRIS (Grades 4-6) and Jr. Sr. HS Band (Grades 7-12) will perform. ###

> **Don't Block** Intersections

## Lasagna Dinner & Tricky Tray

The Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church, Hasbrouck Heights, is hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 6, 2015, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the Corpus Christi School cafeteria.

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

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

The evening will include a Tricky Tray and 50/50 drawing. The dinner donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under (toddlers free). To purchase tickets, please call Jackie at 201-288-2767. ###

## Carlstadt/ER Lions Pancake Breakfast March 1

Carlstadt/East Rutherford Lions Club will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast event on March 1, 2015, 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 meets 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. ###

### Drummer and/or **Guitarist Wanted**

St. Joe's Church in E. Rutherford is seeking experienced proficient or professional drummer and/or guitarist for their noon Sunday contemporary Mass.

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#### **American Wine Society Meadowlands Meets February 26**

The next meeting of the Meadowlands Chapter of the American Wine Society will be held at Make Wine with Us, 21 Currie Street, Wallington, on February 26, 2015 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Mission is to promote the appreciation of wine through education. The local NJ Meadowlands chapter provides a venue for the novice and other wine lovers to learn about wine in a fun, social environment.

At monthly meetings, they review different regions or themes as they discuss attributes about the wines appearance, aroma, flavor, and origin.

For more information contact AWS Meadowlands at wineclub201@gmail.com ###

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## **Dancing Under** The Stars Act 8

Mickey's Kids Foundation will be hosting its Eighth Annual Gala to benefit Canine Assistants. The gala, "Dancing Under the Stars Act 8," will be held on Friday, April 17, 2015, at Il Villaggio in Carlstadt.

The guest of honor is Erin Bischoff and her service dog "Gauge." There will be a professional dance team, and encore performances by children, soloists, and dancers to enhance this event. There will be a silent auction and raffles.

Tickets are \$125. For more information, please contact mickeyskidsfoundation@verizon.net ###

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#### **Chocolate Tasting** January 30

On Friday January 30, 2015, from 7 to 10 p.m., The Meadowlands Museum invites members, friends, and neighbors to Coffee and Chocolate Tasting, A Winter's Evening at the Meadowlands Museum, 91 Crane Avenue, Rutherford.

Enjoy artisan confectionery from regional chocolatiers and special treats from local establishments such as Varrelman's on Park Avenue in Rutherford. Annabelle's Salumeria E Groceria of East Rutherford, Dayton's Homemade Chocolate of Clifton, and of course, a taste of champagne.

Ticket prices are \$20 for adults, \$15 for members and seniors 65 and over, and \$10 for students if purchased in advance. A \$5 surcharge for tickets purchased at the door.

Call the museum at 201-935-1175 or call Jesse at 720-989-6735 to reserve your spot.

• In honor of African American History Month in February, and Women's History Month in March, The Meadowlands Museum presents an exhibition on Civil Rights, sponsored by the Civil Rights Commission of Rutherford. The exhibition opening event will be from 6 p.m to 9 p.m. on Monday, February 9, 2015. The event is free and open to the public. ###

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Thank you to all who continue to leave food donations in the box at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The area food pantries are always particularly grateful. Unfortunately, hunger knows no season.

In addition to food donations, from February 1 to March 15, 2015, they will be collecting items for Easter baskets.

**Lutheran Social Ministries** of New Jersey distributes these baskets to the many needy children in our state, sharing the joy of Easter with those whose lives are often stressful and difficult.

They are asking for donations of Easter candy, plastic eggs, small toys or craft items that can be fun for both boys and girls - coloring books, small stuffed animals, yo-yos, bubbles, etc. Please avoid items such as guns, action figures or other toys with violent themes.

SWIM (Single Women in Mission) of Holy Trinity thanks you for your help with their projects. In so many small ways we can each make a difference as we reach out together From the Porch to Those in Need.

For more information call 201-288-6889 or visit www. holytrinityhasbrouckheights. com. ###

#### **A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance February 8**

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance" on Sunday, February 8, 2015, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.at the Carlstadt Turn Hall. Donation is \$35 per person and includes food, drink, coffee and cake with live music by Bud and Linda. For reservations, call 201-777-6677 or 201-652-0968. ###

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# Organ Recital HHJWC February 15

Internationally known organist and composer, Chelsea Chen, will give an organ recital at First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, on Sunday, February 15, 2015, at 3 p.m. The recital is free, with a reception following to meet and greet Ms. Chen.

The recital is part of the Karen Kaiser Memorial Concert Series and features the recently restored 3-manual Möller pipe organ in the Church's beautiful sanctuary.

Ms. Chen's innovative programming of both classical and contemporary works will exploit the full tonal resources of the pipe organ and will appeal to all ages.

Ms. Chen's program will include classical works for organ by J. S. Bach and Marcel Dupré, a festive Toccata by John Weaver, her own transcription of Debussy's Children's Corner, an arrangement of Gershwin's I've Got Rhythm, Ms. Chen's own Taiwanese Suite, based on Taiwanese folk songs, Kitamura's Jasmine, and a piece by a noted Dutch composer, Ad Wammes. Likely there will be something for everyone.

Hailed as one of the most promising organists of her generation, Chelsea Chen has electrified audiences throughout the United States, Europe, Australia, and Asia.

Ms. Chen received degrees from the Juilliard School and an Artist Diploma from Yale University.

Her concerts are acclaimed for "rare musicality" and "lovely lyrical grandeur," and a compositional style that is "charming" and "irresistible" (Los Angeles Times).

For more information, please call the Church, 201-438-3569, visit the Church's website: fpcrutherford.org, and Chelsea Chen's website: www. chelseachen.com ###

# St. Pat's Party! March 14

Kick off St. Patrick's Day with the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights' annual

This year's celebration will take place at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 on Saturday, March 14, 2015, at 7 p.m. Ticket price is \$55 per person and includes Irish dinner (corned beef or chicken). beer and wine. Live Irish entertainment will be featured 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, go to www.hhjuniors.org or call Cara at 201-288-0479. Make their party your party and reserve a table of 10! ###

# Fish & Chips March 7

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 11th annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 7, 2015.

Cooking will be done by Tastefully British. Dinner will be served from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Margaret's Auditorium on Chamberlain 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. Takeout orders are available. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

# **PBA Beefsteak Tricky Tray**

Wood-Ridge PBA Local #313 is hosting a Beefsteak Dinner and Tricky Tray on Saturday, March 14, 2015, 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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# **Kip Center** Beefsteak Feb. 13

Join 55 Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue in Rutherford, on Friday, February 13, 2015, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., for their 2nd Annual Beefsteak Dinner.

Cost is \$45 per person and includes dinner by Giresi's Caterers, Inc., entertainment by Uncle Floyd, raffles and a 50/50. The event sold out last year and seating is limited.

For more info call 201-460-1600. All proceeds support programs and services for older adults. ###

## St. Patrick's Day Party

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry is hosting their Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Saturday, March 14, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Donation is \$8 per person and includes Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, coffee and dessert. For more information call 201-641-9774. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and children.

# Fish Fry April 3

American Legion Post 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, is hosting their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, April 3, 2015, starting at 5 p.m.

Donation is \$8 per person and includes fried flounder, potato salad, coleslaw, dinner rolls, coffee and dessert. For more information call 201-641-9774. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and children. ###

# Tricky Tray March 26

The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad is hosting a Tricky Tray at the Graycliff on Thursday, March 26, 2015, from 6 to 11 p.m.

Admission price is \$45 and includes a sit down dinner and one sheet of tickets. For tickets call MFARS at 201-641-9094 or Debi at 201-376-0770. ###

# Shrove Supper February 17

The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie, 221 Moonachie Road, will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper on February 17, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. All you can eat pancakes. Cake and coffee will also served.

Tickets are adults \$8 and children \$5 and available at the door. ###

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# **Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation To Honor Six at Annual Dinner**

On Friday, March 27, 2015, the Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation will hold their annual dinner dance at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. This annual fund raising event is instrumental in enabling the Foundation to continue to award annual scholarships to Wood-Ridge resident senior high school students.

Tickets for the dinner are \$75 each. The dinner will include choice of filet mignon, salmon or chicken, beer, wine and soda. Entertainment provided by the Alan Quinn Orchestra.

For tickets or additional information please contact Dinner Chairman Jack Nagel at 201-641-2803 or e-mail jan-pro911@aol.com

The Foundation will recognize six people at the dinner who have made contributions to the Borough, school and community as a whole.

Some quick highlights include:

• Mr. Tony Albro began his career in the Wood-Ridge Public School system in 1993.

During his time in the school district Tony has had a positive effect on many students and teachers.

Tony and his wife, Lucy, have a four year old daughter, and reside in Wood-Ridge.

• Paul Clemente Joined the Wood-Ridge Fire Department in 1973. He was chief in 1987 and in 2010.

Paul has served the Borough as zoning official, enforcement code official and deputy emergency management official. He has been on the planning board and coached girl's softball.

Paul and his wife, Donna, reside in Wood-Ridge and have four daughters and nine grand-children.

• Ed Garrett is a 1963 graduate of Assumption School. After 30 years he retired from the Port Authority Police Department in 1997 and began a second career with Jan Promotions, Inc.

While with the PAPD, he was active with their Special Olympics.

He has been a member of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club and in 2010 was awarded a Melvin Jones Fellowship. Ed served on the Wood-Ridge Planning Board.

Ed and his wife, Mickie, reside in Wood-Ridge. They have four married children and 7 grandchildren.

• Robin Woods was raised in Wood-Ridge and attended Assumption School, Wood-Ridge High School, William Paterson for her undergraduate degree and NJCU for her graduate degree. She is now a thirty plus year veteran in the Wood-Ridge Public School system and has touched the lives of many students. Robin has taught special education for twenty years and has been a reading teacher for another ten.

She is the mother of two and grandmother of five.

• Angelo & Sandy Urato have been married for 33 years and have two children. Angelo works for the NJ Meadowlands Commission managing the River Barge Park & Marina in Carlstadt. Angela works with the City of Hackensack in the finance department.

Angelo is a former Eagle Scout, involved with the Knights of Columbus, serves on the shade tree commission and the Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful project.

Sandy has participated as a judge for the Foundation since 2006, is a Eucharistic Minister for Assumption Church and has taught religious education. She served as president 2003-08 of the High School Band Parents Association.

Both Angelo and Sandy have played a huge role with the annual high school play as set builder and costume and prop creator.

Provided by Jack Nagel. ###

## **Toastmasters Meet Monday Evenings**

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

## **Toastmasters Meet Saturday Mornings**

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

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

### HH Garden Club Meets February 19

The HH Garden Club will have a general meeting on February 19, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at 320 Boulevard in the Borough Hall Library Meeting Room located on the second floor.

There is an elevator available for those who have difficulty with stairs. There is plenty of free parking. Refreshments will be served at the beginning.

There will be no speaker this month, but perhaps you might want to bring some of your questions with you about your indoor plants. The amaryllis workshop they had last month was a huge success. All who attended went home with a beautiful start up plant, and instructions on how to take care of it before and after flowering.

Come and join them and find out what they have planned for the upcoming months. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

# Blood Drive February 1

TheDOJO announced its 2015 Rutherford Community Blood Drive in partnership with New Jersey Blood Services, a division of New York Blood Center.

The drive will be held on Sunday, February 1, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at TheDOJO, 52 Park Avenue, Rutherford.

To be eligible to donate, you must be in generally good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old or 16 years old with parental consent.

For specific medical eligibility requirements and more information, call 1-800-933-2566 or visit www.nybloodcenter.org ###

## Postcard & Paper Ephemera Show

The Community Chest of Rutherford announced the 13th annual Postcard and Paper Ephemera Show and Sale will be held on Sunday, March 15, 2015 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. ###

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TEB Noise Office: 201-393-0399

## Lieberman March 22

On Sunday, March 22, 2015, VFW Post 4591 in Hasbrouck Heights, will host an afternoon with Peter Lieberman from 1 to 4 p.m. Doors open at noon. Cost is \$15 advance ticket and \$20 at the door. Buffet included. Line dancing.

Call Andy at 973-773-1812, Artie at 973-789-4860, Mel at 201-933-9937, or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

## Plastic Models Show March 15

A tri-state plastic models show is scheduled for Sunday, March 15, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum of NJ, Teterboro Airport.

Vendors will display and sell plastic model aircraft, ships, cars, trucks, armor, sci-fi items, etc. They will also offer paints, air brush accessories, etc. Vendor table cost, \$30.

Admission is \$8 adults and \$6 children/seniors and includes access to the museum.

For additional information call 201-288-6344 or go to: www.njahof.org or www.finescale.com ###

# "Super Bird Sunday" Feb. 1

On Sunday, February 1, 2015, from 10 a.m. to noon enjoy the Sixth Annual "Super Bird Sunday" Nature Walk with the NJMC and BCAS at DeKorte Park, Lyndhurst.

This free, two-hour nature walk at DeKorte Park in Lyndhurst features great prizes awarded to any participant who is the first to spot a bird that has the same name as an NFL team — raven, falcon, eagle, cardinal, (wood) packer and seahawk (osprey, but good luck on that one). To register, contact Don Torino of BCAS Greatauk4@gmail.com or call 201-230-4983. ###

## HH Chamber Organizing 2015 Parade Committe

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce is preparing the 2015 Holiday Parade. The Chamber requests that community organizations provide a coordinator for planning purposes. Contact Ray at 201-288-5464 or Peter at 201-288-7228. ###

# Karaoke for A Cause

The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club presents Karaoke For A Cause on Friday, February 20, 2015 at the Heights Bar & Grill. 20% of all proceeds will be donated to the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital at HUMC.

Sing your favorite song for \$5. Karaoke starts at 8 p.m. There will be drink and appetizer specials. For more information, visit www.hhjuniors.org ###

# Mayor Heck at Library on Saturday

Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck is available at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon to meet with the public. No appointment is necessary. ###

### 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, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. Call Mel at 201-933-9937 or the Post for details at 201-288-1112. ###

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# Hackensack Riverkeeper Scholarship

Hackensack Riverkeeper is accepting applications for the 2015 Ron Vellekamp Environmental Scholarship. The program is in memory of the late science teacher and founding Riverkeeper trustee.

Teachers and guidance counselors are invited to submit one application; and each school may nominate one senior

Applicants must either live or attend a high school within the 210-square mile Hackensack River Watershed.

Applications are due Earth Day, April 22, 2015. Winner will be announced by June 1.

The applicant's academic achievements, environmental extra-curricular activities and future plans will be considered. The \$1,000 Scholarship is unrestricted.

To donate or for more information call Hugh Carola at 201-968-0808 or go to: www. hackensackriverkeeper.org ###

#### Legion Selects 2015 Boys' State Delegates

American Legion Post 106 will sponsor six delegates to attend Boys State this year.

The boys all in the 11th Grade at Hasbrouck Heights High School are Uoussef Abubaker, Matthew De Marco, Stephen Desics, Daniel Kalmowitz, Scott Salerno and Brian Sanchez.

The 75th Boys State Session will be held on the campus of Rider University in Lawrenceville from June 22 to June 26, 2015. Participants learn the practical mechanics of government by actually performing the functions of local and state government. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

#### Wood-Ridge Lions Club to Present Scholarships

Wood-Ridge and Moonachie students that are graduating from any accredited public or private high school and will be attending college in the fall are eligible to apply for Wood-Ridge Lions Club Scholarships.

The awards are given to students that have exhibited a strong commitment to their education and overall achievements with strong emphasis on the student's service to their school, Church or community.

Applications for the Wood-Ridge Lions Club scholarships will be available at The Wood-Ridge High School Guidance Department, The Wood-Ridge Library, the Moonachie Borough Hall and at Jan Promotions, 50 Moonachie Road in Moonachie.

The Club will be presenting awards in various amounts (totaling a minimum of \$5,000) to Wood-Ridge or Moonachie graduating seniors. One award is in the name of Lion Vinny Pascale and the Wood-Ridge Lions Club Charter Members. The second award is in the name of Jim Love Sr. and Phil Rottini. A third award is in the name of Lion William J. Nagel. Additional awards and the amounts of each award will be determined by the scholarship committee at the time of judging.

Note that this is a separate application from The Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation and the Moonachie Scholarship Foundation applications.

Deadline for application returns is May 1, 2015. Judging will be on May 7. ###

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## **NewARTS Kids**

Care on the Corner announces the Spring 2015 Session of NewARTS Kids, an art program for children in Grades 2-6, from February 13 to March 13, 2015 (5 weeks), on Fridays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Do you have an aspiring young artist in the family? This five (5) week course will have students exploring the World of Sculpture by experimenting with a variety of materials to design their very own creations. Each week will feature a different material for sculpting.

The group meets in the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, the corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register.

There is a \$25 materials fee. Please feel free to inquire about the scholarships that are available. ###

# Mommy Timeout February 26

How does this mom of three girls ages six and younger keep her sanity? It's a fabulous 4-letter word: MOPS!

MOPS is specifically designed for moms with a child in the womb through Kindergarten age.

They like to say that it's like a mommy timeout! Hasbrouck Heights MOPS invites all moms from any town to join them at "Courage to Try Something New" Thursday, February 26, 2015, from 7 to 9 p.m. Event is held at Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Ave, Hasbrouck Hts. Free MOP-PETS childcare provided by reservation only. For more info go to: hasbrouckhtsmops@ gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; hasbrouckhtsmops.blogspot. com ###

### Lodi Oldtimers Little League Announces 2015 Scholarships

The Lodi Oldtimers have announced the opening of their annual Scholarship Program for 2015 and the annual Pam Panagiotou Scholarship Award Program. Three five-hundred dollar scholarships will be awarded. 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.

All applicants must meet the criteria set by the Lodi Oldtimers Little League. The deadline for applying is April 17, 2015. Applications can be picked up at the high school Guidance Office, the Little League at 72 Church Street, Lodi. For more information call 973-591-1137. ###

## WRHS Students Join Italian Honor Society

Studying Italian at Wood-Ridge High School has, as of December 2, 2014, acquired a new meaning. On this date, the students were for the first time in our history, inducted into the Italian Honor Society. This organization operates nationwide, and its membership is prestigious for accepted members.

Beside its stringent requirements for acceptance -students must be in the third year of study and maintain an average of B+, being a member of the IHS is an academic milestone that brings credibility and value to a student's scholastic resume.

In the presence of parents, guardians, and administrators, Mr. Joseph Luongo, Superintendent, Dr. Sue DeNobile, Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Panico, Principal, Mr. Joe Sutera, Vice-Principal and Italian Teachers Ms. Tess Iannacco and Ms. Angela Daniele, a total of 18 students (two in absentia) were inducted. During the meaningful ceremony the students pledged their interest to pursue Italian studies in their academic future.

Each student was presented with a certificate and a pin. The Seniors also received their cords to be worn on their graduation day. After the ceremony, all attendees had the opportunity to take pictures, engage in conversation while enjoying delicious Italian food. Provided by Debbie Greenaway. ###

## Felician Reading Center Offers Spring Courses

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

The program will begin on February 2, 2015 and end on April 30, 2015. The classes are held twice a week - Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday 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 with 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.

#### **RECYCLE**

# W-R Kindergarten Registration

Registration for the 2015/2016 Kindergarten classes will be held at the Catherine E. Doyle School from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 4 and Thursday, March 5, 2015, by appointment only.

Children must accompany parents for registration. Children are eligible if they turn five (5) years old on or before October 1, 2015.

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

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

#### 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, 2015, are eligible for Preschool. Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2015 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. ###

## Team Bischoff to Participate 5K Walk April 12

On April 12, 2015, members of the Wood-Ridge Education Association will walk in the NJ Sharing Network's Annual 5K Walk to honor their former colleague, John Bischoff, who saved the lives of others through organ donation.

Last year, the team raised \$1,280 for the NJ Sharing Network and was named one of the top teams. The NJ Sharing Network's mission is to increase the number of lives saved through education, research, donor family support, and public awareness about the life saving benefits of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

To join the team or make a donation, go to www.NJSharingNetwork.org. For more information, contact Linda Radulich at lradulich@woodridgeschools.org ###



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# The Light Between Oceans

On Monday, February 9, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Reading Group will meet at The Rutherford Public Library Glass Room to discuss "The Light Between Oceans," by M. L. Steedman. Copies of the book are available at the circulation desk. ###

# Death Comes to Pemberley

On Friday, February 27, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at The 55 Kip Center to discuss "Death Comes to Pemberley," by P. D. James. Copies of the book are available at The Rutherford Library circulation desk. ###

### **ESL Classes**

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

# Basic ESL Classes

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

# **English Conversation Group**

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

The group will meet on Monday, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursday, from 1-2:30 p.m.

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

## Free Movies

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

Read to Your Child

# February Computer Classes at Lodi Library

Lodi Library offers free, small group computer classes for Lodi residents from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Saturdays. February 2015 classes are:

- Computer Basics February 3 and 7
- Internet Basics Internet Basics February 10 and 14
- Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010 - February 17 and 21
- Email Basics February
- Facebook Basics February 28

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

# Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss "A Circle of Wives" by Alice LaPlante.

The meeting will be held in The Library Auditorium. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, please e-mail Peg Mellett at mellett@bccls.org ###

## Chess Club – Children and Beginner Adults

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

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

# HH Library Spring Computer Classes

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library is offering Saturday computer training classes for beginners in Microsoft Office 2010 for Excel, PowerPoint, Computer Basics, Introduction to the Internet/E-Mailing and iPad/Tablet Basics.

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

A \$40 refundable deposit is required. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. Some classes have prerequisites\*. For details, please call 201-288-0488 or visit us online at http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/

The Spring schedule is as follows:

- February 7 & 14: Internet/ E-Mail Basics
- February 21 & 28: Introduction to the iPad/Tablet
- March 7 & 14: Introduction to MS Excel 2010
  March 21 & 28: Knowing
- March 21 & 28: Knowing More— MS Excel 2010\*
- April 4 & 11: Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010
  April 18 & 25: Computer
- Basics
   May 2 & 9: Internet/E-
- Mail Basics
   May 16 & 31: Introduc-
- tion to the iPad/Tablet
   June 6 & 13: Introduction
- to MS Excel 2010
   June 20 & 27: Knowing
- June 20 & 27: Knowing More—MS Excel 2010\* ###

## Museum Pass Program

The Rutherford Public Library has acquired memberships to popular museums in such as the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Garden State Discovery Museum, Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Museum of Modern Art, and many more!

Rutherford residents can now visit these museums (and more!) for free, using their valid Rutherford Public Library card to check out a museum pass. For more information and a full listing of museums accessible through this program, call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. This program is cosponsored by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

# Under the Wide and Starry Sky

On Wednesday, February 11, 2015, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library Monthly Book Discussion Group will discuss "Under the Wide and Starry Sky" by Nancy Horan. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend!

Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check: www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

# W-R Not Just Books Sale

The Friends of The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library host their bi-annual "Not Just Books" Sale on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the WR Senior Center, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Hardcover books: \$1, Trade paperbacks: \$1, Paperbacks: \$0.50, DVDs: \$1 and up and other items available: audio CDs, puzzles and more! ###

# Get on Up

On Tuesday, February 24, 2015, 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of "Get on Up," starring Chadwick Boseman.

The film chronicles the incredible life of James Brown from his impoverished child-hood to his emergence as the Godfather of Soul and one of the most influential musicians of the 20th Century. The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

# A Family Film Night with Laurel and Hardy

On Wednesday, February 25, 2015, from 7-8 p.m. The Carlstadt Public Library will host "A Family Film Night with Laurel and Hardy."

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## In Less Chaos

Sabrina Osso, founder of Floor It, holds a meeting the first Wednesday of every month, from 8 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to discuss erasing home violence, statistics, solutions, and presenting a unique performance to lighten a very heavy subject. Attend for yourself, or someone else. Women and men are encouraged to attend. No registration required. ###

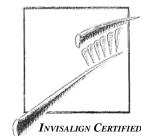
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# Music With Miss Fran

Miss Fran will present her preschool music program on Monday, February 2, 2015, from 11:15 – 11:45 a.m. at The Rutherford Public Library. She will bring her guitar and play favorite familiar children's songs for dancing and fun. No advance registration is required. This program is funded by The Friends of The Library of Rutherford. ###

# Party with a Cool Princess

On Thursday February 19, 2015, at 4 p.m., come meet and take your picture with a really COOL princess! There will be hand painting, pin the nose on the snowman and a sing-a-long! You can even dress up as your favorite prince or princess!

Please sign up for this event in The Carlstadt Public Library Children's Room! If you are not signed up, you will not be admitted to this event! Check our website for more details. ###

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## Teen Cafe

On Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 25 2015, starting at 3:45 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library offers teens (age 12 to 18) an opportunity to meet and talk about technology, fashion, movies, music and books. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

## **ACT Test**

On February 14, 2015 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library offers high school students the Kaplan Test Prep Practice ACT test. For more info, call 973-365-4044. ###

#### **Carlstadt YA Club**

The Carlstadt Public Library YA Club will meet for a craft on February 10, 2015, at 7 p.m. There will be a cooking program on February 24 at 7 p.m. For future events and times, please check calendar of events on their website! ###

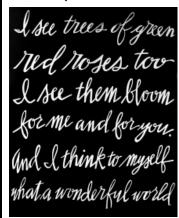
## Abner the Invisible Dog

On Friday, February 20, 2015, from 3:45 – 5:30 p.m., all children ages 5 and up are invited to a free movie screening of "Abner the Invisible Dog" at The Rutherford Public Library. No advance registration is required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

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# **Afternoon Storytime**

On Thursday, February 19, 2015, at 3:45 p.m. children ages 4 and up are invited for stories and a craft at The Rutherford Public Library. Registration is required. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

# **Drop-In Storytime**

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in story-time program on Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2015, from 10:30 - 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Storytime will also be held in the morning only on Thursday, February 5, 12, 19 and 26 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. ###

# Morning and Afternoon Storytime!

Join Miss Kate at The Carlstadt Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., then again at 1:30 p.m. for stories, rhymes and wiggles! Children of all abilities up to age 4 and their caregivers are encouraged to sing and play along. Story time is a wonderful, interactive way for caregivers to learn about Library services and how to interest children in books. Check their website for more details. ###

## W-R Storytime for Preschool Pals and Toddler Time

- Preschool Pals: Every Tuesday, at 12:30 p.m., children ages 4-5 can enjoy weekly themed story time, songs, and a craft.
- Toddler Time: Every Thursday, at 10:30 a.m., children ages 3 and under can come in for weekly themed story time, songs, and a craft.

Registration is required; space is limited. Call 201-438-2455 to register. ###

## Lodi Storytime

The Lodi Memorial Library invites children, ages two to six and their parents to move, stretch, listen to stories.

Music and Storytime Thursday, February 5, 12, and 26, from 5 to 5:45 p.m. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

# Paws to Read

The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Rodney, a registered therapy dog, for the read to a dog program. Rodney will be at The Library with his owner on Monday, February 23, 2015, from 4 – 5 p.m. Children who are able to read a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15 minute time slot with Rodney. He loves to listen to stories and never complains if it is not a perfect reading.

Parents may accompany their child during their time with Rodney. Registration is required and should be done by contacting Miss Jane at 201-939-8600, ext. 6 or by email at jane.tarantino@rutherford. bccls.org ###

# Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted! On February 2 and 23, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., come to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the wonderful therapy dogs, Rodney and Teddy!

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

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

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

# Lodi Library Gaming Days

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

Minecraft, Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2015, from 4:45 to 5:45 p.m., children learn a little bit of geology, geometry and electrical circuits while socializing and team building.

On Monday February 2, 9, and 23, 2015, from 6 to 7 p.m., it's Wii Gaming.

Fun Friday Board Games, children with their families have an opportunity to play and try out different board games together from 4 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. on Friday 6, 13, 20, and 27, 2015. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

#### **Libraries Are Fun!**

# Children's Crafty Kids

On Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 3:45 p.m. children ages 6 and older are invited to create a Valentine Arrow Mobile at The Rutherford Public Library. Registration is required. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

## Children's Preschool Craft Corner

On Monday, February 9, 2015, at 3:45 p.m., children ages 3, 4, and 5 are invited to make a Rainbow Heart Magnet at The Rutherford Public Library.

Children are asked to have an adult accompany them in order to assist with the making of the project. Registration is required. For more information, please call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

# Lodi Crafts and Science Mondays

On Mondays, February 2, 9, and 23, 2015, at 5 p.m., The Lodi Memorial Library offers parents and children Kindergarten age and up, to share and make crafts together, or experience science experiments. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

# Legos Build

The Lodi Memorial Library invites future architects and engineers, Kindergarten age and up, for a Legos Build on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, from 3 to 4:30 p.m.

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

#### Stitch & Knit

Every Thursday, from 6 to 7 p.m., February 5, 12 and 26, 2015, children, First Grade and up, along with their families, learn to knit and crochet. The Lodi Memorial Library will supply the yarn. Beginners welcome. For more information, call 973-365-4044. ###

# Chinese New Year Celebration

The Lodi Memorial Library offers children Kindergarten age and up, a Chinese New Year Celebration on Thursday, February 12, 2015, with crafts starting at 4 p.m., games, songs and story time at 5 p.m. and treats starting at 5:45. For more info, call 973-365-4044. ###



## First Graders Tour ER Library

Each year, the First Grade students, under the direction of Mrs. Karen Dey, media specialist, visit The East Rutherford Memorial Library. They are given a tour of The Library, are treated to a special story read by the children's librarian, and complete a special activity. The highlight of the trip is borrowing a book from The Library, using their brand new library cards. Pictured is Gianfranco Sung from Mrs. Valerie Benish's class showing the monster bookmark which was created by The Library staff for all of the First Graders. *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###



# Rutherford High School Interact Club Collects for Rutherford Food Pantry

On December 17, 2014, forty students from the Rutherford High School Interact Club collected food for the Rutherford Food Pantry. They collected 344 bags of food to help those in need. Pictured are students Vincent Plessel and Seong Hwan (David) Kim, as well as Club advisor, Ms. Bonnie Donnell. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



# **Breaking the Cycle**

The entire student body and faculty at Rutherford High School was brought together for a presentation of Breaking the Cycle.

In this award-winning program, a host of speakers shared real-life experiences where forgiveness set the path for positive change in their lives. The

program dealt with bullying, peer pressure, racism, school violence, and suicide.

Pictured is Ann Marie D'Aliso, who lost her son, Patrick, to suicide at age 16, addressing the Rutherford High School students and faculty. Provided by JoAnn Hughes.



#### Faust School Band and Choir Entertains ER Seniors

On January 13, 2015, the Faust School Band and Choir from East Rutherford entertained the community Senior Citizens at their monthly meeting. Under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Schweikardt, 94 students participated in this performance that has become an annual tradition.

Some of the selections performed by the band were, "Calypso Bells," and "25 or 6 to 4." The choir performed "Let it Go," featuring 6th Grader Leianna Rodriguez, "A Hannukah Wish," soloist Blaze Grabowski, along with other winter themed selections. *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###



# Pierrepont STEM Students Visit NJIT

On January 7, 2015, Pierrepont's STEM community visited the New Jersey Institute of Technology with STEM community advisor, Bill Helphingstine and school counselor, Elana Rudnick. Students participated in workshops, learned about course offerings, took a campus tour and attended a college athletic event. Students reported "learning about prioritizing time" and "balancing education and extra-curricular activities" in addition to learning about STEM offerings.

Pictured: Pierrepont student, Nicholas Smith, poses with the NJIT Highlander mascot after winning the layup challenge. *Provided by Jo Ann Hughes.* ###



Each month, the Wildcats of the Month are announced at McKenzie School in East Rutherford. The Trampler brothers, George (*Third Grade*) and Nicholas (*Kindergarten*) were both named the Wildcat of the Month from their respective classes. *Provided by Karen Dey.* ###



#### **Pierrepont Students Create Animal Books**

Rita Brosnan, Fourth and Fifth Grade teacher, worked closely over the past three months with a small group of students to create an individualized book on a chosen animal. Books included research and information about animal appearance, habitat, babies, and interesting facts. Students added their own illustrations and shared their work at a class book party. Administrators, school nurse, school academic counselor, and school librarian all attended this exciting event where students presented their research and read aloud to the adult educators.

Pictured: Michaela O'Neill shares her researched and illustrated book on koalas. *Provided by Jo Ann Hughes.* ###



#### Faust Students Collect for "Toys for Tots"

Alfred Faust Sixth Grade Mathematics teacher, Mrs. Loren Koch, dropped off the "Toys for Tots" collected by the students. The Marines took charge, removing all the toys out of her car. *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###

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

Grade students from Hasbrouck Heights Euclid and Lincoln Schools participated in the 26th 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, Amber Barrios, Euclid School, and Antonio Alvarez, Lincoln School, made welcoming remarks.

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

On January 15, 2015, 5th Heck, HH Police Chief Michael Colaneri, and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Matt Helfant.

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

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

Essay winners Luka Nilaj, Paige McGuire, Zachary Cali, Brianna Mullins, Andrea Durham and Anabella Rubiera, 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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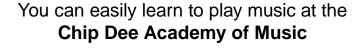
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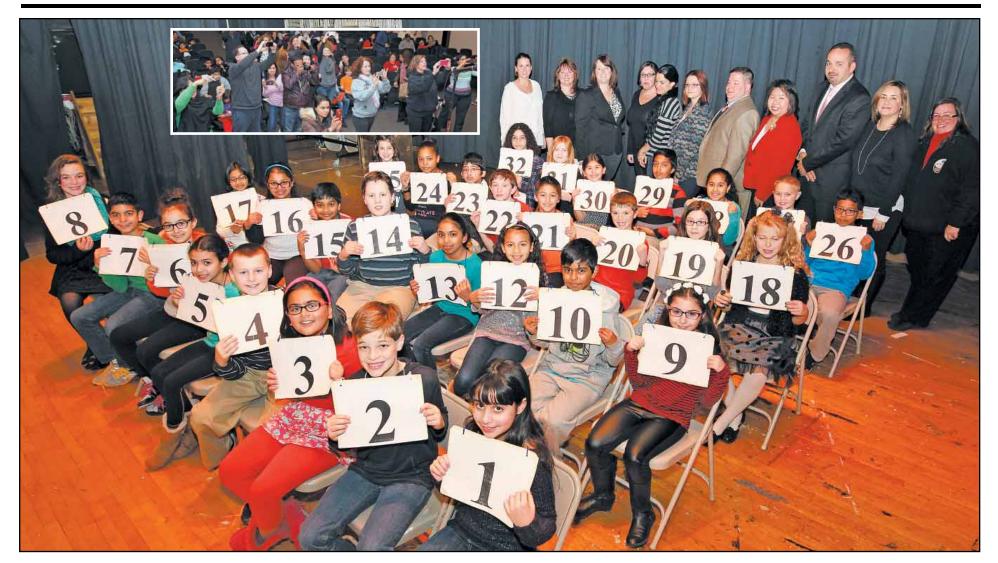




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# Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 9, 2015, the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 22nd 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: 3rd Place: Dhrithi Tummala, 5th Grade Corpus Christi School; Second Place: Manya Arora, 4th Grade Lincoln School, and First Place: Lexi Kest, 5th Grade Corpus Christi 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 Spelling Bee rules were read by Karen Felicetti, Reading Specialist, Lincoln School. The Pronouncer was Cindy Capozzi, Media Specialist, Lincoln School. The Moderator was Lori Zorat,

President JWC.

The next round will be The Palisade District Bee at 1 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2015, at Oradell Public School, 350 Prospect Avenue, Oradell. The snow date is March 1. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. ###

## Journalism Class Experience Live Taping of GMA

On December 19, 2014, Becton's journalism class attended a live taping of Good Morning America.

Upon arrival at 6:45 a.m., the 13 students were greeted by Becton alumnus Phil Mc-Crickard (who now works for the show). A script coordinator took them into the studio to see part of the show rehearsal.

Ginger Zee was debriefing on a possible Christmas storm, while ABC anchors, Robin Roberts and George Stephanopoulos, prepared for the newscast. The show aired

once anchors Lara Spencer and Amy Robach arrived.

The students watch various broadcast segments. One of the program features included the use of the selfie stick, where Amy Robach brought a selfie stick over to the journalism class and took a few pictures and videos with the students.

During a commercial break, Phil took the class to the network room to see all the behind-the-scenes action.

When the show concluded at approximately 9 a.m., the students were shown GMA's

social square where anchors often interact with their fans on social media.

A highlight of the trip was when the class got the opportunity to meet Robin Roberts, who joined them in a set photo.

Chaperones, English teachers Mrs. DeSantis and Mrs. Scalera, took the students to Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas tree and watch ice skaters. The had lunch and returned back to Becton. *Provided by BRHS Cat's Eye View.* 





# Hoops for Troops Night Honors Vets

On Thursday, January 22, 2015, the Hasbrouck Heights High School Varsity Lady Aviators basketball team honored and thanked all of the Veterans and current servicemen and women for their service. Admissions were collected for the Veterans home.

Several members of Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 joined in the team photo. ###



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For updates, schedule changes, inclement weather shutdown, etc., visit www. rutherford-nj.com or call the weather hotline at 201-460-3000 ext. 3177.

This long-ago Rutherford tradition was revived due to the efforts of Rutherford Mayor and Council, DPW, Recreation Department, Rutherford EMS Squad, and Rutherford Police. ###

## **Full Snow Moon**

The February full moon will appear on Tuesday, February 3, 2015, at 6:09 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. ###

# Angelic Voices Sing Tl









On Sunday, January 4, 2015, 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 Jon Wilder, flutist Catherine McMahon, percussion and chimes by Sr. Mary Angelica Smialowicz, and The Immaculate Conception High School Choral Group led by Mrs.

Lisa Cupeles, Director.

Soloists included Sister Maria Magdalena, Miriam Steinberg and violinist Sara Cantos. Sacred Dancers Linda Telesco, Nicole Adalos and Alexa Balint 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.

The 90 minute concert included: "Silent Night," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel," "O Little Town of Bethlemem," "Mary, Did You Know," "My Tribute," "Little Altar Boy," "The God of All Grace," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Ave Maria," "We Three Kings," "Gesu Bambino," "and "Child of the Poor."

Proclamation of God's Word

was followed by "Alleluia," "Sliczna Panienka," "Birthday of a King," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Christmas Lullaby," "O Holy Night," followed by everyone performing "Joy to the World."

There were closing remarks followed by "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," "Let There be Peace," and concluding with "Trumpet Voluntary."

Goodwill offerings were accepted with the proceeds shared with the poor.

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 ###











# he Glory of Christmas













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

# Hasbrouck Heights 2015 Reorganization Meeting

11:45 a.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2014 business.

The year 2015 began with sons, Mark DiPisa Esq. and Robert DiPisa, Esq., administering the Oath of Office to their father, Councilman Justin

On January 1, 2015, at A. DiPisa. Mayor Rose Heck administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Pamela J. Link. Upon the seating of the Council members, Mayor Rose Heck declared the 2015 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. Eric Dammann, Pastor Bible Baptist Church.

The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to the 2015 Fire Department Chiefs and Officers.

There was an announce-

ment of council assignments, consent agenda.

Russell A. Lipari was appointed as Council President. Mayor Heck made her appointments and delivered her Annual Address. Council members made their comments.

Rev. Eric Dammann pro-

vided 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.hasbrouckheights.nj.us ###



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

# Moonachie 2015 Reorganization Meeting

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

Congressman Bill Pascrell administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilmen Antonio Cirillo and Manuel Martinez.

Assemblywoman Marlene Caride, Assemblyman Gary Schaer, Bergen County Clerk

On January 5, 2015, at John S. Hogan and Congressman Bill Pascrell spoke.

> The reorganization meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Congressman Bill Pascrell gave the Oath of Office to the Moonachie Fire Officers: Chief Justin Derevyanik, 1st Assistant Chief William G. Hunt and 2nd Assistant Chief Frank Tamargo.

Mayor Vaccaro gave the sel. Oath of Office to Captains Dave Kaneshige and Mark Mulvaney and Lieutenants Eugenio Sanchez and Steven Rozansky.

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 Coun-

The Council adopted existing By-laws of the Mayor and Council and set the schedule of 2015 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, Superintendent of Public Works Mary Ellen Lyons, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

Consent resolutions and payment of bills were passed. Council Committees for 2015 were assigned. ###



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

# Wood-Ridge 2015 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2015, 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 November 2014 election were announced by Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan.

The Oath of Office was administered to Dominick Azolini and Philip Romero. Ezio Altamura was elected as Council President. 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 2015.

Mayor and Council stand-

ing 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. ###



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

# Little Ferry 2015 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 2, 2015, 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 2014 election were announced by Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan.

The Oath of Office was administered Peggy Steinhil-

ber and Roberta Henriquez. It was noted that this is Ms. Henriquez tenth term. The 2015 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.

Little Ferry resident, Jennifer Ali, graduated from the Academy on December 19, 2014, and has been on regular duty, was ceremonially swornin as a Little Ferry Police Officer.

Additionally, Rev. Kevin Carter, Pastor at St. Margaret of Cortona, was sworn-in as the Police Department new Chaplain.

There were comments

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

The State of the Borough Address was given by Mayor Raguseo, followed by comments from the Council. The Benediction was given by Fr. Kevin Carter. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. ###



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

# Carlstadt 2015 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2015, at 12:30 p.m., the Carlstadt Mayor and Council held a Sine Die Meeting to conclude 2014 business, followed by their 2015 Reorganization meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made, followed by the Invocation by Thomas (Buddy) Davis. The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen James Lenoy and Joseph Emerson, and badges were presented to elected officials. The Council President is Craig Lahullier. The Mayor gave his Annual Message. Consent agenda was approved. The Mayor made appointments and selection of standing committees. There was a resolution on 2015 salaries followed by hearing of citizens. Presentations and comments were made, followed by Benediction by Tom Ondrof, Elder, First Presbyterian

Church.

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



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

# East Rutherford 2015 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2015, at 12 p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2014 business.

The year 2015 began with administering the Oath of Office by NJ Senator Paul Sarlo

to Councilman Sam Stallone and Ed Ravettine. Gratitude was expressed to Councilman Tom Banca for his six years of dedicated service.

There was a Salute to the pointed for 2015. Resolutions

Flag, roll call, and invocation. Police promotions were made (see story on page 23) by Mayor Cassella.

Crossing Guards were ap-

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: Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan, Councilman Jack Manzo, Councilman Frank Nunziato, Mayor Joseph DeSalvo, Jr., Councilman Ray Tetro and Councilwoman Carolyn Smith.

# Rutherford 2015 Reorganization Meeting

Die Meeting was held to conclude 2014 business.

The year 2015 began with Councilwoman Stephanie Mc-Gowan and Councilwoman

On January 1, 2015, a Sine Carolyn Smith being administered the Oath of Office by Mayor Joseph DeSalvo. Upon seating, they gave their remarks. The Invocation was given by Rev. Michael J. Kreder,

Pastor, Church of Saint Mary, followed by the Salute to the Flag. The Council President was named. Mayor DeSalvo appointed the council committee liaisons assignments.

The Mayor made appointments with confirmation by the Council. Mayor DeSalvo made his remarks. There were numerous presentations of longevity awards to various Borough

employees. The consent agenda was approved. The meeting concluded with Benediction. The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. ###



# Heights Library Board Reorganizes for 2015

The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Lisa Traina was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and Ron Ellis as Treasurer. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. Photo (l-r) Ron Ellis, Rose Ellen Lorber-Termaat, BOE Alternate Linda Mansfield, Friends Rep. Micky Maschio, Council Liaison Sonya Buckman, Mayor Rose Heck, Lisa Traina, Patricia Link, Library Director Mimi Hui, and John Baratta. Not shown: Mayor's Alternate Thomas Verrastro and BOE Supt. Mary Kildow. ###

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## **Police Department Promotions**



Hasbrouck Heights Police promotions were made at the December 23, 2014 Mayor and Council Meeting. Promotions included the following: two Sergeants, two Lieutenants and one Captain: (l to r) Sgt. Daniel Kroncke, Detective Sgt. Jeff Werner, Lt. Ian Robertson, Mayor Rose Heck, Police Chief Michael Colaneri, Capt. Joseph Rinke and Detective Lt. Michael Colaneri. ###



On January 22, 2015, East Rutherford Police Officers took their Oath of Office before family and friends in a ceremony held in the East Rutherford Court Room. The Officers promoted were Phillip Taormina to Captain, Jeff Yannacone to Captain, Stanley Rymarz to Lieutenant and Michael Giancaspro to Lieutenant. The Officers were joined by Mayor James L. Casella and Police Chief Larry Minda. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

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# Senior Insurance

By Robert M. Frank



#### 2015 Brings Higher Income Limits for Those on PAAD and Senior Gold in NJ

Generally when one reads an advertisement for getting help with Medicare costs or prescription drugs they come from Social Security.

- Scenario: You call Social Security or go online to fill out an application for help with your medications and Part B costs. The income maximum is \$17,505 for individuals and \$23,595 for couples in addition you cannot have resources more than \$13,440 for individuals or \$26,860 for couples.
- Examples of income include: Wages, Social Security, Veterans' benefits, etc.

You open up your mail and discover a denial letter from Social Security stating that your income or assets are too high. At the bottom of the letter this is what you read....

Your state may have programs to help you pay your prescription drug costs. Contact your state Medicaid office

or State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for more information or Medicare at 1-800-633-4227

• Social Security does not coordinate with (SPAP's) State Pharmaceutical Assistance Plans to put the denied individual with Medicare on PAAD or Senior Gold. You qualify for one of these programs because of your income and additionally SPAP programs do not look at assets.

The Great News is that NJ

increased 2015 PAAD income limits to \$26,575 (Single) and \$32,582 (Married) and Senior Gold Limits to \$36,575 (Single) and \$42,582 (Married)

• Question: Are you one who tried to get help and was denied? NJ's SPAP programs allow you to have almost \$20,000 more in income for single / married individuals before you receive a denial letter. You may own a home, car and even have money in the bank and still qualify for these wonderful benefits.

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### **Help with Medicare Program Feb. 24**

Caregivers Coalition of Bergen County will be offering a free educational program on Tuesday, February 24, 2015, from 1 to 3 p.m. at **Absolute Insurance Management**, 164 Route 46, Lodi (former Pizza Hut).

Topics discussed include:

- NJ increased the income limits for PAAD & Senior Gold for 2015
- If your insurance company terminated your cover-

age for 2015, you have until February 28 to sign up for another plan with no medical questions.

• We are in a Medicare disenrollement period where you can drop your Medicare Advantage Plan and go back to original Medicare and apply for a Medicare Supplement and Prescription Drug Plan until February 14, 2015.

For additional information call 973-470-8333. There is no obligation. ###

# February 2015 Heights Senior Calendar

Open to All Hasbrouck Heights Seniors

#### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 2, 9, 23

 $10{:}00\ a.m.$  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 3, 10, 17, 24

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 18, 25

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 5, 12, 19, 26

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

Friday, February 6, 20

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

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

Friday, February 13, 27

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Games, cards & coffee *Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes* 

## **CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE**

Wednesday, February 4

10:00 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 11

12:30 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting Program: Ian Gallagher, Folk Singer

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Trip to Brownstone** 

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

Enjoy the Feast of St. Joseph. The cost is \$60. More information will be available at the February meeting. Contact is VP Kathy at 201-288-6651. Make checks payable to Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights.

The Municipal Building will be closed on:

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## Little Ferry Senior Trip

The Little Ferry Seniors are going to the Rocking Horse Ranch, from Monday, June 15, to Friday, June 19, 2015. The price is \$609 per person double occupancy, single \$729 each and triple is \$599 each.

Please contact Colette at 201-641-4973 for more details. *Ann Caniano.* ###

## Lodi AARP Installation

The Lodi AARP Chapter 2015 is having an installation dance on May 29, 2015 at The Venetian. Music will be by Peter Lieberman. Cost is \$45 per person. Call Ann at 201-641-6298 for details. ###

# **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. 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. ###

## Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 at the Civic Center. Good information and humor are part of their programs. Please feel free to join them. Refreshments are always served.

Some of the activities for their meetings are February 4, 2015, the Pettets Sisters will provide songs and a musical program; March 17, they will have an anniversary party at the Fiesta. Plans are being finalized. Call Vinnie at 201-933-4733.

The next scheduled trip is February 17 to the Brownstone for Mardi Gras.

Bingo is played at each meeting with a jackpot Bingo giving out \$25. You may be a winner if you come to the meetings. *Eleanor Costa*. ###

## Vic Hoofers

The Vic's Hoofers ladies social club invites all women to join them on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street. Lots of fun and games to enjoy the evening. All Aboard on February 5, 2015 for some fun on the Mexican Train! Dues are \$15 for the year will be collected at this meeting. Call Lucinda for details 201-933-1643. VC ###

## Lodi Seniors

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

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

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

They also have a pool table, a 16 foot shuffleboard, card playing, a small library, games, chit-chat and bocce (in season).

Refreshments are served. For information, call the Club during the times it is open at 973-472-6994.

A senior bus is available for those requiring transportation. For bus information call Kim at 973-332-1331 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Scheduled 2015 Trips:

- February 25: Mt. Airy Casino, PA
- April 15: LaNeves Luncheon/Jersey Dreamers Show.
- June 17: Mt. Haven, PA Italian Feast/show
- August 12: Renault Winery Luncheon/AC Casino
- October 7: Villa Roma, PA, Luncheon/show
- December 4: Christmas at the Venetian

# Police Dog Demonstration at AARP Club Meeting

Officer Robert Marini and K9 Csabi of the Bergen County Sheriff Department were an outstanding program at the January 9, 2015 meeting of the AARP, Central Bergen Chapter #418.

K9 Casbi, a German Shepherd, is a police dog. A dog that is trained specifically to assist police in their work, such as searching for drugs and explosives, searching for suspects or missing people, looking for crime scene evidence, locating human remains and protecting their handlers. The dogs must remember several hand and verbal commands.

Usually, police dogs tend to be trained for one specialty skill. K9 Casbi demonstrated his skill in locating narcotics.

Officer Marini stated that once K9 Casbi was assigned to him they went through an intensive training process, at least 17 weeks, where the pair completed training in; alertness and obedience work, search training, tracking and scouting exercises, bite work, protection and simulated suspect apprehension scenarios, and tactical deployment exercises.



Officer Marini also had to complete coursework on canine behavior and first aid techniques. Once the dog is assigned to him it works with him and even lives with him in his home.

Officer Marini's presentation as well as K9 Casbi demonstration made the members of AARP more aware of how these dogs have become an important asset for local law enforcement. This was one of the best programs presented at this chapter's meetings. Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###

# **Hasbrouck Heights Seniors Informed About Latest Scams**

"If it's too good to be true, it's not true!" With these words Lieutenant Michael Colaneri Jr. of the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department, addressed the Leisure Club members at their meeting of January 14, 2015. His topic was scams against seniors.

He cautioned the seniors to be on guard against the many "too good to be true" opportunities being directed at them. These scams come in many shapes and sizes and some of them are very tempting. They seem to be so real and legitimate.

Why are seniors singled out? Probably because seniors are very trusting and they want to think that the people that they come in contact with are there to help them. Unfortunately, we are living in the 21st century, a different time where opportunists are targeting seniors.

Lieutenant Colaneri gave examples of many different scams that are being perpetuated upon seniors. Throughout his presentation he stressed his simple message "Don't give

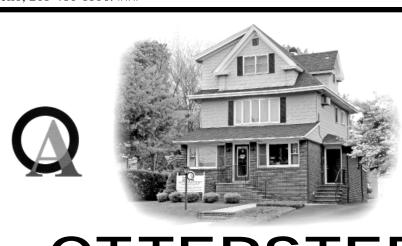
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out any personal information over the phone and don't send money to anyone you don't know or trust."

The members of the Leisure Club shared their own experience about contacts they had received over the phone requesting money, information or commitments.

Lieutenant Colaneri concluded his presentation by advising the seniors to contact the police if they suspect someone is trying to scam them. Be sure to have all the information for the police to follow up. It is better to be safe than to be sorry. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###





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# Filling You In

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

#### Why are minerals and nutrients important for oral health?

You must include minerals and nutrients in your diet in order for the body's tissues to resist infection. The presence of too much or too little of any nutrient can have harmful effects, particularly on the mouth and teeth, and may contribute to oral diseases and infection.

#### Which vitamins and minerals are good for me?

There are many minerals and nutrients that are good for the entire body. Here are just some of the minerals and nutrients your body needs to stay healthy:

- Calcium. Your teeth and jaws are made mostly of calcium. Without enough calcium in your diet, you risk developing gum disease and tooth decay. Calcium is found in many foods and liquids, such as milk, yogurt, cheese, beans, and oysters.
- Iron. Iron deficiency can cause your tongue to become inflamed, and sores can form inside your mouth. Iron is found in many foods, including liver and red meat. Other ironrich foods include bran cereals, some nuts, and spices.
- Vitamin B3 (Niacin). A lack of Vitamin B3 can cause bad breath and canker sores in the mouth. To boost your B3 levels, eat chicken and fish.
- Vitamins B12 and B2 (Riboflavin). You also can develop mouth sores when you do not consume enough of the Vitamins B12 and B2.

Red meat, chicken, liver, pork, fish, as well as dairy products like milk, yogurt, and cheese, are good sources of Vitamin B12. Vitamin B2 is found in foods like pasta, bagels, spinach, and almonds.

- Vitamin C. Too little Vitamin C will lead to bleeding gums and loose teeth. Sweet potatoes, raw red peppers, and oranges are great sources of Vitamin C.
- Vitamin D. It is very important to consume enough Vitamin D because it helps your body absorb calcium. A diet lacking or low in Vitamin D will cause burning mouth syndrome.

Symptoms of this condition include a burning mouth

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sensation, a metallic or bitter taste in the mouth, and dry mouth. Drink milk, and eat egg yolks and fish to increase your Vitamin D intake.

#### Which foods may be bad for my mouth and why?

Not all foods are good for your teeth. If you consume these foods, do so in moderation, and be sure to practice good oral health care.

- Carbohydrates. Bacteria feed on leftover foods in the mouth and produce acid, which causes decay. Carbohydrateladen foods, such as chips, bread, pasta, or crackers, can be as harmful to the teeth as candy.
- Sticky, chewy foods. Raisins, granola bars, jelly beans, caramel, honey, and syrup stick to teeth and make it difficult for saliva to wash the sugar away.
- Sugary snacks. Snacks like cookies, cakes, or other desserts contain a high amount of sugar, which can cause tooth decay.
- Gum and candy. Chewing gum and eating candy is very harmful to your teeth. As you eat, sugar coats your teeth, which can lead to cavities.
- Carbonated soft drinks. Regular soda (or pop) contains an extremely high amount of sugar. Both regular and diet sodas also contain phosphorous and carbonation, which wears away the enamel on your teeth (causing them to become stained and brown).
- Fruit or vegetable juices. Fruit and vegetable juices tend to be high in sugar, which can damage tooth enamel and lead to decay.

To ensure that you're getting the nutrients, vitamins, and minerals your body needs, check out the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Web site at www.mypyramid.gov.

Source: Academy of General Dentistry Reviewed: Janu-

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## Corpus Christi Rosary Society

The Rosary Society ended the year with a very enjoyable Christmas celebration at the Risotto House in Hasbrouck Heights.

Please make note of some winter/spring events, one of which is the Bakeless Cake Sale, a fundraiser for the two scholarships given to Corpus Christi Eighth Grade students in June. An appeal letter was sent to all Rosarians, and they thank those members who have responded so promptly and generously.

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, February 5, 2015, in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. and Mass in the Chapel.

The Business Meeting will be followed by Pocket Change Bingo for the benefit of Meals with a Mission and Birthright.

The regularly scheduled March meeting has been moved to Thursday, February 26 – one week prior to the Lasagna Dinner. At that meeting they will collect donations for the Lasagna Dinner Tricky Tray and the cleaning supplies for distribution by The Friendly Neighbors of Hasbrouck Heights.

The Lasagna Dinner is Friday, March 6, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. A delicious dinner of meatless lasagna (to observe Friday abstinence during lent), salad,



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ziti will also be prepared.

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The women of the parish are encouraged to join the Rosary Society in prayer and service to the parish and the community.

Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend monthly meetings, to pray the Rosary for deceased members. Come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Maria at 201-727-0820 for information. Story by Carol Viceconte. ###

# **Cross Connection Announces Sunday Morning Services**

Cross Connection North Jersey, a new Church plant from the Calvary Chapel fellowship of Churches, is pleased to announce that Sunday services have started and are being held in Hasbrouck Heights at 11 a.m. at the First Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights.

Cross Connection is a new and intimate Church, which is centered on the systematic teaching of the Bible. Worship services have a mix of contemporary and traditional music and the teachings are designed to help you grow in your understanding of God and the application of His word to your life.

Please visit www.crossconnectionnj.org for more information or send an email to info@crossconnectionnj.org. Cross Connection can also be reached at 201-298-3314. Meeting location is at 300 Washington Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

#### Ministry Collects Ensure Jan. 31/Feb. 1

Assumption Parish Community will be observing AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and Anticipated Masses of February 14-15, 2015.

Please extend a warm welcome to anyone you know living with HIV/AIDS.

As part of the program leading up to the observance, Assumption AIDS Ministry at all the Masses during the weekend of January 31/February 1, 2015, will be collecting the diet supplement, Ensure, which is much needed for maintaining a healthy condition by those living with the virus. The Ensure will be donated to New Jersey Buddies in Hackensack. ###

#### World Day of Prayer March 6

On Friday, March 6, 2015, at 1 p.m., World Day of Prayer Ecumenical Services celebrating the Bahamas will be held at First Reformed Church, at the corner of Washington and Burton Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights. Coffee hour will follow. The facilities are handicapped accessible. For more information, contact Estella at 201-288-1122. All are welcome.

#### Relics of the Passion

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Wallington, will host the Relics of the Passion program on Thursday, March 5, 2015, at 7 p.m. in an event designed to connect participants to the roots of their faith.

The event is sponsored by MSH in collaboration with the Apostolate for Holy Relics. The Apostolate is guardian for more than 1,200 relics organized into special collections, such as the 8 rare relics that make up Relics of the Passion. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, contact Carol at 201-935-0273. ###

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#### 2nd Annual EarthFest Overpeck

Bergen County's largest Earth Day celebration seeks sponsors, vendors, Regatta participants

Hackensack Riverkeeper and the Bergen County Department of Parks have announced the date of the Second Annual EarthFest Overpeck.

This year's event takes place on Saturday, April 25, 2015, at Overpeck County Park and will build on its inaugural year, which drew a crowd of thousands. A wide mix of activities is planned including:

A festival midway featuring environmental nonprofits, green vendors, animal rescue groups and healthy-living ad-

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Recycled Regatta participants will compete for prizes in boats constructed completely from recycled materials in an eye-catching competition atop Overpeck Creek, drawing attention to the issue of recycling.

For details, e-mail Mary Knight (mary@hackensackriverkeeper.org) or call her at 201-968-0808. ###

## Sarlo Meadowlands Tax Relief Bill Passes Senate

TRENTON - Legislation authored by Senator Paul Sarlo providing \$7 million dollars in property tax relief for towns in the Meadowlands District and improving regional planning in the Meadowlands area by combining the Meadowlands Commission with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority was approved by the Senate on Monday, December 22, 2014.

"These towns have lived with an outdated and unfair tax sharing requirement for too long," said Senator Sarlo, Chairman of the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee.

"My legislation reduces \$7,000,000 in property tax burden on towns paying into the tax sharing fund while protecting the towns receiving tax sharing funds by providing a permanent funding source."

Under the current tax sharing formula, towns paying a total of \$7,000,000 into the fund include Carlstadt, Little Ferry, Lyndhurst, Moonachie, South Hackensack, North Bergen and

Towns receiving the funds include East Rutherford, North Arlington, Ridgefield, Rutherford, Jersey City and Kearny.

Sarlo's legislation funds the tax sharing formula by assessing a 3% surcharge on hotel room occupancy in the Meadowlands District. The change would allow the paying towns to use the money formerly paid into the fund for local services and property tax relief, Senator Sarlo said.

Sarlo heralded the merger of the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission into the Sports & Exposition Authority as making government smaller,

more efficient and more responsive to the needs of the residents and communities in the Meadowlands.

"A unified agency to coordinate and plan for economic growth, infrastructure improvements, environmental protection and flood control in the Meadowlands region is the most effective way to realize smart growth; provide municipal services, preserve open space and promote tourism" said Senator Sarlo.

The region covers 30 square miles, 14 municipalities in two counties and includes the stadium, arena and racetrack. The zoning and planning should be done in a coordinated and comprehensive way. It's important to the economy, transportation and the quality of life that the work is done efficiently and effectively." ###

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# Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



#### Millennials on the March!

2015 may be the year that first-time homebuyers make a comeback. That's what many housing market economists and industry experts are predicting to see this year.

With rents rising faster than incomes, many Millennials – those who reached young adulthood around the year 2000 - are expected to start looking to buy. And why shouldn't they?

What they will find now are much more favorable conditions than they have seen in years, including lower down payment mortgages, looser lending standards and a bigger selection of homes to choose

Here are a few housing market trends the experts expect to see in 2015.

1. Rent increases will outpace home value growth. In recent years, many 25-34-yearolds (again, those Millennials) formed new households, but instead of buying they rented.

In part, this was based on demographic factors (delayed marriage and postponing family) and in part it's because many of them needed to save for a down payment. These factors continue to push the demand for multi-family housing and rents will keep going up.

In fact, Zillow economist Stan Humphries forecasts that rents will rise 3.5% in 2015, outpacing his predicted 2.5% for annual home price gains.

This, in turn, may push some of those Millennials to become buyers. "As renters' costs keep going up, I expect

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#### the allure of fixed mortgage payments and a more stable housing market will entice many more otherwise content renters into the housing market," Humphries says.

2. Looser lending standards. Over the past 5 or 6 years, first-time homebuyers have been conspicuously absent from the housing market.

But that's definitely going to change. Early in December 2014, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac put new lending guidelines in place and started offering 3% down payment mortgages that will make it easier for more first-time buyers to qualify for a mortgage.

Add to that a strengthening job market and prospects look much brighter for young home

According to the Mortgage Bankers Association, sales of new homes are expected to climb by more than 13% in 2015, while existing home sales are expected to increase by at least 5%.

A spike in the number of first-time home buyers should spark a chain reaction by enabling existing homeowners to sell their homes and buy more expensive ones. Indeed, we're

seeing that in our south-central Bergen County area, where builders on 'spec' are out in droves buying lower-end priced homes in order to demolish for new development.

3. Mortgage interest rates will move higher – at some point. If there's any single market trend that real estate industry pros have gotten consistently wrong lately, it's the direction of mortgage rates.

But most do expect rates to rise some point in 2015. In December, the Federal Reserve signaled that it would not raise the Federal Funds rate until the summer of 2015 or perhaps

John Saldous of HSH.com, a mortgage information provider, expects mortgage rates to peak next at about 4.75% for a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. He doesn't see rates rising much beyond 5%, which would still be a 'very favorable rate, historically.' But he goes on to say that he doesn't even expect rates to go that high.

He predicts rates to top out at 4.5%, which should do little to affect buyers, Millennials or not. An increase to 4.5% from the current 4% adds about \$60 a month to mortgage payments on a loan with a principal balance of \$200,000.

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

# Groundhog Day 2015 Monday, 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.

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Lastra has been a Realtor since 1990 and is currently a manager with Century 21 **Eudan Realty** in Rutherford.

In 2010, she earned the Certified Distressed Property Specialist certification. She has been the recipient of the New Jersey Realtors Circle of Excellence Sales Award six times. Lastra has held a number of leadership positions within the Realtor® organization during her career.

Lastra served on the Board of Directors for the MBOR for 10 years. She was instrumental

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce meets 8 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. ###

The Eastern Bergen Coun- in organizing the successful merger between MBOR and EBCBOR, which created the third-largest Realtor Association in N.J. and where she will also serve on the 2015 Board of Directors.

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# Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

#### The Dorchester

It's strange that things that seem insignificant often stay in your long term memory.

Many years ago I was sitting at the dining room table. My father was also there and I had asked him about Ireland.

Being very young at the time, I knew part of our family had come from there back in the 1800s but I knew nothing about the country. He told me what had been passed down to him in family history.

The one thing that stuck in my mind was the fact that the Protestants and the Catholics are always fighting one another over there. When he said that, my next question was, "What's a Protestant?" He told me that I was lucky to live in America. He said I had been fortunate not to have to worry about peoples' religion.

It was then that I realized I had been in school with many other kids and not once did it ever dawn on me to ask anyone their religion. It was never important. It was one of the blessings of America that I was

truly ignorant of. He told me that whatever a man's religion, it's his own business and no one else's. He said in many places in the world religion separates people, but not here.

America is truly the last hope of mankind. It holds many blessings from our founders and forefathers that are not always realized.

Now in a nation that has many different religions it becomes difficult for the military to meet every religious need. The military draws recruits from every corner of the nation. There are different races and religions and even ages.

A New Jersey kid is sent to boot camp with a kid from Northern California, a kid from Hawaii, a kid from Tennessee, North Dakota, Utah, and Arizona and so on and so forth.

Now for those of you that never went to boot camp, you may think that it would be difficult to sort out all of this and make heads or tails of all the different people and culture.

The military didn't find this difficult at all. Everyone is jammed together in the barracks and we were told we are all useless. Those of you that went to boot camp are smiling now. You remember.

You see, the military understood what the civilians do not. Once all these cultures and religions are put in the same room, they all realize that we are all for the most part the same. Not that much different at all. Wherever you came from is not that important.

It is the service to the nation that becomes important. As far as religion goes, in boot camp we were marched to the Chapel as a company and we attended whatever service that met our discipline. So now we come to the Military Chaplain.

The word Chaplain has its roots in Christianity, but it is used by all denominations in the military. A Chaplain can be a Baptist, a Rabbi, a Christian, a Hindu, a Muslim and any other faith not mentioned.

Most Chaplains attend a seminary or college studying their faith for many years. This in turn means that Chaplains become Officers when they graduate or become Ordained.

Chaplains have a wide range of duties. They administer religious services to the troops. They also advise the Commanding Officer on religious protocol, and also tend to the military families. They aid troops with personal problems even if the soldier is not religious. In most cases wherever the troops are sent, so goes the Chaplain.

History has many cases where Chaplains have walked the battlefield in the middle of battle armed only with their faith, encouraging troops and making an excellent example of bravery. They tend to the wounded and the dead. Ultimately, one of the most difficult duties is presiding over funerals. A duty no one wants.

The Military Chaplains have been with our Military since the earliest days of the Revolution. It is just my opinion, but I don't believe you can have an Army without one. The Chaplain is part of our Military history and heritage.

I don't wish to offend anyone, so please grant me a pardon when I say that a soldier doesn't need to have faith if he doesn't want it, but an atheist never sat in a foxhole.

During World War II, men had to be drafted and trained in order to serve on the European battlefields. The Chaplains also trained and prepared. Now as troops train for battle it is always the unseen, the unexpected, and the one thing you never thought of that can take them out of action even before they get to Europe. One of these moments happened to the USAT Dorchester.

In February of 1943, Convoy SG-19 left Newfoundland on its way to Greenland. In this convoy were the SS Lutz, the SS Biscaya and the USAT Dorchester. USAT stands for United States Army Transport.

These ships had U.S. Troops on them bound for the battlefields. These ships were not heavily armed. They were cargo vessels before the War and now were used by the U.S. Government to transport troops. To guard these ships the U.S. Coast Guard sent the Cutters, Comanche, Escanaba and the Tampa to protect them.

Unfortunately, as with many convoys, this one came under attack.

In the early morning hours of February 3, 1943, the Dorchester was hit with a torpedo fired from U-223. The ship was going bow down in the North Atlantic with a water temp of 34 degrees.

The boiler room filled with cold sea water and shut the boiler down. The ship lost all power and was unable to radio for help or even have enough steam pressure to sound the abandon ship whistle. She listed to the starboard side which prevented the port side life boats from being lowered.

Men scrambled to the only available life boats left and they were quickly overloaded and some capsized. Some men began to panic in the early morning darkness and chaos.

Out of all this mess four Chaplains came up on the main deck. They were George L. Fox (a Methodist Minister), Clark V. Poling (a Reformed Church in America Minister), John P. Washington (a Catholic Priest) and Alexander B. Goode (a Rabbi)

They began to steady and reassure the troops in an effort to stop the panic from spreading. Then one by one each of the Chaplains gave away his life jacket to a younger soldier in an effort to save their lives.

The last time anyone saw them they were standing together in prayer. Twenty minutes after the torpedo struck, the Dorchester slipped beneath the waves and was seen no nore

Of the 904 men on board, 229 survived. The cold water killed most of the 675 that died. The North Atlantic is too cold and unforgiving in February to last long in. This was the worst single loss in a convoy of American personnel in all of World War II.

The only thing that we can take from a horrible story such as this is the magnificent example of our Chaplains. All four Chaplains each had a different religion, all four Chaplains each gave away his life jacket, all four perished with the Dorchester in a selfless act of bravery.

In the end it was not, who's a Catholic, who's a Methodist, who is Jewish, who is a non-believer. They did not separate themselves or the troops by faith

They joined together as one in prayer. Each gave hope to the troops. Each gave his life to save his fellow man.

Congress declared February 3rd "Four Chaplains Day" to commemorate the heroism of these four Chaplains. Let us remember these men. They honored the oaths they gave to our nation by their example as officers, but more importantly, they honored the oath they gave to the Almighty. May they forever rest in his honored glory. ###

# **DAV Meets**

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

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

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## VFW Post 4591 Meeting Schedule

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# Wood-Ridge Fire Department 2015 Installation Dinner

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department held their Annual Installation Dinner on January 10, 2015, at the Fiesta.

The Master of Ceremonies were Wood-Ridge Firefighters Dennis Kronyak Jr. and Ex-Chief Thomas Bischoff who made welcoming remarks.

The Ceremony began with Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence. The Invocation was given by WRFD Chaplain, Deacon Frank Materia.

There was the introduction of officers and the Oath of Officeby NJ Senator and Wood-Ridge Mayor, Paul Sarlo.

The 2015 Officers are: Chief of Department Ronald Phillips Jr., First Assistant Chief Kenneth Schulz., Second Assistant Chief Elizabeth Ferry (the Department's first woman officer), Captain Michael Cribben, Lieutenant William Bergner, Lieutenant David

Potchoiba, Lieutenant Dennis Kronyak Jr., Corresponding Secretary Gregory Gorab, Recording Secretary Thomas Bischoff Jr. and Treasurer Ronald Phillips Sr..

The Emergency Squad Officers were sworn in by Mayor Paul Sarlo. The 2015 WRFD Emergency Squad Officers - Captain Anthony Pennisi, Lieutenant Dennis Kronyak III, Corresponding Secretary Kevin Cribbin, Recording Secretary Elizabeth Ferry and

Treasurer Steve Sarracino.

Ex Chief Russo and Ex-Squad Eric Yaple spoke. Presentations were made.

Mayor Sarlo, Fire Commissioner Dominick Azzolini and Chief Phillips made remarks.

Two Pipers entered providing a welcoming tribute.

Chief Phillips spoke. The "white hat" was presented his father Ronald Phillips Sr., who then made the traditional toast.

The program concluded with the Bergen County Fire-

fighters Pipe Band, with Chief Phillips (also a piper) joining in for a few songs.

The tradition continues, chief Ronald Philllips Jr, is the third fire chief in his family. following in the footsteps of his Uncle Edward Frey, former Carlstadt Chief and his father, Ronald Phillips Sr., foromer Chief of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department. Ronald joined the fire department in 1997 and has helf all fire officer positions thrughout his 17 years. ###

























# HHFD 2015 Installation Dinner

Fire Department held its Installation Dinner for Chief Patrick Hayes and the Department Officers at The Graycliff on Saturday, January 17, 2015.

Master of Ceremonies, Ex-Chief Richard Giarratana, acknowledged Borough Officials and visiting dignitaries who were in attendance. First

The Hasbrouck Heights Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez.

> The introduction of The Department Officers was followed by the traditional toast by Second Assistant Chief Robert Knobloch.

> > Mayor Rose Heck, Fire

Commissioner David Gonzalez and Chief Patrick Hayes spoke.

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

NJ State Firemen's Association President George H. Heflich Sr. recognized the 50+ years of fire service by Jack Ball, Ronald Monteleone, Harry Maisch Jr., and Vincent Monahan.

Recognition was given to Gregory Rubino, Peter Kolodziej, Nicholas Coviello, Rebecca Ratkowski and Adriana Szaboova for a CPR Save.

Richard Giarratana and David Ebert were recognized for their 25 years of service.

Floral bouquets were presented to the Chiefs' wives and Fire Chief's Secretary, Nancy Halloran. Presentations were made by Mutual Aid Fire Departments.

The surprise highlight of the evening was the marching in of the Bergen County Firefighters Pipe Band. DJ Music at the event was provided by Black Magic Entertainment. The Official Oath of Office was given during the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting on January 1, 2015. (See page 34). ###



## **HHFD 2015 Officers Take Oath of Office**

During the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting on January 1, 2015, 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 Robert Knobloch.

Mayor Heck administered the Oath of Office to the Department Officers as a group. The 2015 Fire Department Officers: Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Engine Company One: Captain, Robert Pietz, Lieutenant, Bernardo Valente; Secretary, Justin Watrel; Treasurer, Christian Semenecz. Engine Company Two: Captain, David

Gumbrecht; Secretary, Patrick Mucha; Treasurer, David Gumbrecht. Hook and Ladder Company One: Captain, Peter Kolodziej; Lieutenant, Jeffrey Rubino; Secretary, Andrew Waring; Treasurer, Gregory Rubino. Ambulance

Squad: Captain, John Riordan; Lieutenant, Allison Saabye; Ambulance/Rescue Secretary, Rebecca Ratkowski. Rescue Squad: Lieutenant, Michael LeSane. ###







## Carlstadt Fire Department 2015 Officers Take Oath of Office

2, 2015, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed its 2015 Officers in a ceremony held in the Borough Council Chambers.

The program began with 2014 Chief Robert Popejoy receiving his Ex-Chief's Badge by Carlstadt Mayor William Roseman, who congratulated the Chief on a job well done during his term.

With Mayor Roseman presiding, the 2015 Officers took their Oaths of Office: Chief Thomas Sabia, Assistant Chief Tony D'Amico, Deputy Chief Stephen Capuano, Battalion Chief Brian Cervasio and President of the Board Robert Brown.

- Hook & Ladder Co. #1: Captain Daniel Eckert, 1st Lt. Dave Cabri and 2nd Lt. Steve Sass Jr.
  - Bergen Engine Co. #1:

On the evening of January Captain James Schmidt, 1st Lt. Dennis Kronyak.

- Working Company Engine Co. #2: Captain TJ Ondrof, 1st Lt. Walter Stankiewicz and and 2nd Lt. James Moore
- F-Troop Engine Co. #3: Captain Gene Popejoy Jr., 1st Lt. Gary Colombo and 2nd Lt. Matt Moran.
- Emergency Squad: Captain Jason Colombo, 1st Lt. Joseph P. Biggy, and 2nd Lt. Henry J. Riveros.
- Carlstadt Fire Department Auxiliary: President Barbara Kronyak, Treasurer, Sue Cabri and Secretary Allison

At the conclusion of all Officers receiving their Oath of Office, 2015 Fire Chief Thomas Sabia presented Battalion Chief Brian Cervasio with his Chief's white helmet. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



# **Moonachie 2015 Fire Department Officers**

On January 1, 2015, Congressman Bill Pascrell gave the Oath of Office to the Moonachie Fire Officers, Chief Justin Derevyanik, 1st Assistant Chief William G. Hunt and 2nd Assistant Chief Frank Tamargo. Mayor Vaccaro gave the Oath of Office to Captains Dave Kaneshige and Mark Mulvaney and Lieutenants Eugenio Sanchez and Steven Rozansky. ###



# **Lodi 2015 Fire Department Officers**

On January 20, 2015, Mayor Marc Schrieks gave the Oath of Office the to Officers of the Lodi Fire Department. They are: Fire Chief Ron Cannici, 1st Assistant Chief Michael Varrecchia, 2nd Assistant Chief John Funk and 3rd Assistant Chief Archie Dowson. • Hose Co. 1: Capt. Louis Ruffel Jr., Lt. Justin Ricco. • Hose Co. 2: Capt. Steven Cassiello Jr., Lt. Michael Zahorniak. • Fire Co. 1: Capt. Anthony Maiolo and Lt. Michael Lortz. • Rescue Truck Co. 1: Capt. Michael Barkley, Lt. Bart Giaconia. ######



## Little Ferry Fire Department 2015 Officers Take Oath

On Friday, December 19, 2014, The Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reorganization of the Fire Depart-

Fire Chief Marty A. Loesner read the annual report of the Fire Department. Secretary Brian W. Busico,

Secretary to the Board of Fire Alfred Gerber III. Officers, advised the Mayor and Council of the Officers for the year 2015, and upon motion was accepted. The Oaths of Office and badges were presented. A plaque and Ex-Chief badge was presented to Marty Loesner. The white helmet was presented to the new Fire Chief

Badges were presented to: Deputy Chief Michael Mickendrow, Battalion Chief John C. Schwedhelm, Capt. Hose Company Leo Morolla, Capt. Hook & Ladder Robert Fuchs, Lt. Hose Company Lorenzo Migale and Lt. Hook & Ladder John Ruff. ###







# **Carlstadt Hotel Fire Draws 2nd Alarm**

Carlstadt, Moonachie Wallington, Rutherford, Wood-Ridge and Passaic Fire Departments responded to the Econo Lodge on Washington Avenue at about noon on January 13, 2015.

A 5" from the hydrant to the Carlstadt Engine supported two 2-1/2 land lines that were used in the attack. Wind was a factor in spreading the fire. There was a heavy smoke condition. Carlstadt Ladder and Moonachie Tower went up as a precaution.

Arcing electrical wires ignited a pile of old carpeting stored with construction supplies in the parking garage, which spread to the first floor above the garage.

The garage ceiling was torn down to check for exten-

sion

About 20 guests were evaucated to a vacant building across the street as firefighters battled the two-alarm blaze.

The building remained without power for several hours. The Carlstadt Building officials did an inspection of the structure. The incident is under investigation. No injuries were reported. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr.* ###



# Rt. 17 MVA Extrication Requires Jaws of Life



Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.



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At about 12:20 p.m. on January 23, 2015, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident on Route 17 South and Williams Avenue.

The two trucks were hauling brine for the Jersey City Incinerator Authority. The first truck was stopped in the left lane for a traffic light at Williams Avenue, and the driver of the second truck failed to stop in time, hitting the rear of the first, as well as a car waiting for the light in the center lane. Both truck drivers were injured. The automobile driver was unhurt.

The second truck smashed up against the rear of the first truck, trapping the driver inside the cab.

Faced with a complex rescue operation because of the impact of the two trucks, the HHFD, along with Lodi FD, worked simultaneously to free the trapped driver. Wood-Ridge Fire Department and Moonachie EMS/Rescue also provided assistance.

Rescuers used the "Jaws of Life" to extricate the driver. Both drivers were taken to HUMC and the extent of their injuries was not disclosed.

The accident forced the closing of the Southbound lanes for nearly 3 hours, backing up traffic for miles. ###



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