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The Board of Trustees of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights held its reorganization meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2017. Lisa Traina was elected Board President along with Patricia Link as Secretary and Marlene Verrastro as Treasurer. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month, at 7:30 p.m., to conduct Library business. Photo (l-r) Lisa Traina, Marlene Verrastro, Council Liaison Josephine Ciocia, BOE Alternate Linda Mansfield, Friends Rep. Mickey Maschio, Lizz Nuzzo, Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, Lori Cintron, Mayor's Alternate Laurie Varga, John Baratta, Patricia Link, Rose Heck, and Library Director Mimi Hui. Not shown: BOE Supt. Matthew Helfant. ###



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2	Real Living Gateway Realtors	27	\$11,255,800	\$416,881	10.51
3	RE/MAX Trading Places LLC Hasbrouck Heights	23	\$10, 217,900	\$444,257	9.55
4	Century 21 Eudan Realty - Hasbrouck Heights	13	5,400,000	\$415,385	5.04
5	RE/MAX Real Estate Unlimited	8	\$3,463,000	\$432,875	3.24

Total number of actual listings: 252 • Total dollar amount: \$107,046,500

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At their regular monthly meeting in early January, the Woman's Club of Rutherford filled **Blizzard Bags for Bergen County's Meals on Wheels.** This annual project is very much appreciated by the Meals on Wheels organization. Bags are filled with individual packages of food items that can be used when inclement weather prevents a trip to the store. More than 50 bags were filled.

The Woman's Club of Rutherford is actively seeking new members. All women over age 18 are welcome. For membership information please contact Donna Kolich at 201-939-8815 or email Donna at dkolich19@aol.com. The Woman's Club of Rutherford is a member of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. *Provided by Paula Lardiere*. ###

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Pierrepont's Green Team Supports Tree Nursery

During October and November 2016, students from Pierrepont School's Green Team volunteered at the community garden/tree nursery in Rutherford, alongside the local Cub Scouts, and the Green Teams of Rutherford High School and the Borough of Rutherford.

The students worked with other volunteers to weed and fill holes with wood chips to protect the planting spots for the trees that we will be planting in the spring.

The students worked extremely hard and they able to weed over 30 holes! In the spring, they plan on assisting in the planting of 30 more trees! It was wonderful to get out in the beautiful weather and do something great for the community.

On the second work day, students had the privilege of

meeting and talking to the Mayor, the NJ Lieutenant Governor, and Bergen County Freeholders.

As a new environmentally friendly initiative at Pierrepont Upper Elementary School, the Green Team hopes to encourage students as well as other members of the community to get together and continue to maintain a clean and natural environment within their schools and communities.

Green Team advisors at Pierrepont School are Jacki Mann, Kaitlin Samra, and Jaclyn Levine.

Caption: Pictured from left to right are Julianne Chase, Angelina Neyra, Sophia DeCesare, Cassidy Ovarsi, Anezka Pospichalova, Angel Rodriguez-DelBusto, and Kassandra Murillo. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



During the 2017 Little Ferry reorganization meeting, a resolution naming the softball field "The Shannon Dalton Forde Field" was approved and the resolution was presented to the family.

RE/MAX Trading Places Welcomes Venkat Chirravuri to its Top Producing Sales Team



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Venkat is a native of India and fluent in both Telugu & Hindi. He has been a resident of Hasbrouck Heights since 2001 and is married with two children ages 11 and 16 in the Hasbrouck Heights school system. Venkat has an engineering and technology background and has been involved in the software development industry for the past 20 years. He also ran a software development firm and consulting business for 10 years. His technology background will be an invaluable asset in real estate and will help him provide his clients with top level service.

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2016 Market Share Report

Listing and Selling Statistics Office Share from 1/1/16 to 12/31/16 • Bergen County • Status: Sold Area: Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi • Property Type: Residential, 2-4 Family

Rank Name		Transactions	Volume	Average	% Total
1	RE/MAX Trading Places, LLC	41	\$16,478,250	\$401,909	7.79
2	Real Living Gateway Realtors	35	\$14,249,720	\$407,135	6.65
3	Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Merendino Real	lty 33	\$16,309,500	\$494,227	6.27
4	Coldwell Banker	29	\$10,967,300	\$378,183	5.51
5	Century 21 Eudan Realty	23	\$8,818,820	\$383,427	4.37

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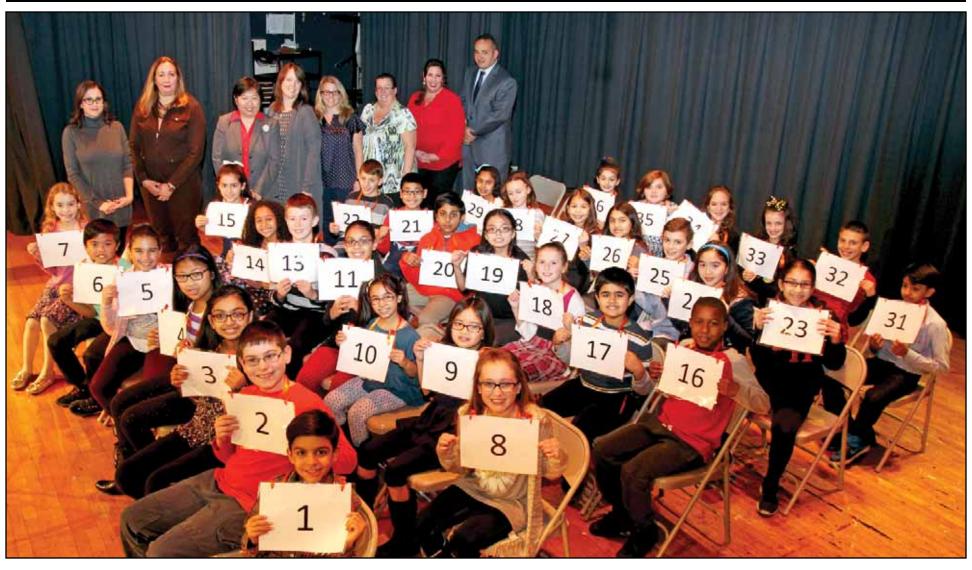
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Bee-ing The Best

On Friday, January 13, 2017, the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its 24th Annual Spelling Bee at Kiefer Auditorium in the Hasbrouck Heights Middle/High School. Thirty-six top spellers from the 4th and 5th Grade classes of Corpus Christi, Euclid and Lincoln Schools com-

peted to be the best.

The students participating were already winners in their classroom spelling bees.

The winners were: 1st Place, Akhil Chirravuri, 5th Grade, Lincoln School; 2nd Place, Gian Plata, 5th Grade, Corpus Christi; and 3rd Place, Shantal Urgiles, 5th Grade, Lincoln School. Awards were given to these spellers.

Judges were Joe Samperi, President, HH Board of Education, Jennifer Tsigaras, HH JWC and Mimi Hui, Director, Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. The Spelling Bee rules were read by Eileen Oettinger Media Specialist, Euclid School. The Pronouncer was Karen Felicetti, Reading Specialist, Lincoln School. The Moderator was Jennifer Tsigaras, President JWC.

The top three spellers from this event were invited to participate in the Regional Spelling Bee, February 11, 2017, 10 a.m., at the Rutherford Women's Club.

Winners from the District Spelling Bee compete in the State Spelling Bee on March 4, 2017, at NJSFWC Headquarters in New Brunswick. ###

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Snaps for Alfred S. Faust School's 80th Annual Spelling Bee Champion!!!

On Friday, January 6, 2017, Alfred S. Faust School held its 80th Annual School Spelling Bee in the auditorium. Each English class in Grades 5-8 held a spelldown to determine a class champion and alternate. The champions then went on to compete onstage in the spelling bee.

A total of 23 spellers gathered on the stage to spell various words including "tarantula" and "clementine." After 11 rounds, two Eighth Grade students were left standing, Carolyn Pomykala and Yeshi

Wangmo.

After another 8 rounds of spelling, Carolyn correctly spelled "stethoscope" and "collage." Congratulations to Carolyn Pomykala and Yeshi Wangmo, who will be the alternate champion and take Carolyn's place in the event she is unable to compete in March.

Carolyn will now go on to compete in the Bergen/Passaic Counties final round in March at Bergen Community College. Many congratulations, Carolyn, and keep on spelling! *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###

Valentine's Party February 11

Squadron 310, 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, will host a Valentine's Party on Saturday, February 11, 2017 starting at 7 p.m.

Donation is \$20 and includes pasta dinner, beer, wine and a rose for the Ladies. Music by DJ Jack Jam. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and children's programs. For more information, call 201-641-9774. ###

It's Valentine's Day on WSBP-**LP (94.3 FM)**

Cupid is getting ready to spin the Old-time Valentine's Day radio shows on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., on WSBP-LP (94.3 FM). Due to their location in Wood-Ridge, it would be best to review their coverage area online at http://www.wsbp943. org

A Mid-Winter **Dinner Dance** February 12

Carlstadt Turnverein will host "A Mid-Winter Dinner Dance" on Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.at the Carlstadt Turn Hall. Donation is \$40 per person and includes food, drink, coffee and cake with live music by Bud and Linda. For reservations, call 973-777-6677 or 201-652-0968. ###

Share The Love

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

The Guild of Reformed Church Women invites 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 12.

If you cannot make it to the Church, you may mail your message (which will be added to the card) and donation payable to Friendly Neighbors c/o Women's Guild of the First Reformed Church, P. O. Box 66, Hasbrouck Heights, by February 10. For further information, call the Church at 201-288-1122 or Estella at 201-288-0378. ###

> February Flower Violet

Books & Chocolate

Books & Chocolate will be held February 6 – 14, 2017. Fill out a heart at The Lodi Memorial Library, and tell them about a book that you love - they will display your heart and reward you with chocolate! All day.

Guess the Kisses

The Carlstadt Library loves kisses, especially chocolate ones! Starting February 1, 2017, take a stab at how many kisses are in the jar without going over and win a prize! Located at the circulation desk. One guess per person. Open to all! Winner will be pulled on February 28.

The Carlstadt Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Make Decadent **Chocolate Truffles**

On Tuesday, February 14, 2017, from 4 to 5 p.m., at The Lodi Memorial Library, you can make this easy and yummy treat to celebrate Valentine's Day, for you to eat or share with someone special. Please call 973-365-4044 ext. 2 to register. For adults, and teens Grades 6 and up. ###

Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Don't tell me it's February already! I asked you not to tell me that. Forgive me for sounding harsh folks. It's just that the month of February means that Valentine's Day is fast approaching. I don't mind saying that I'm not particularly thrilled about it. No Folks, I've never been a fan of Valentine's Day. Even as a kid in Columbus School back in the fifties, Valentine's Day came not without its share of stress.

There was always the decorated mailbox (converted cardboard box) which was placed at the front of the classroom for all to see. On the days leading up to Valentine's Day, girls and boys alike, were asked to drop a card in it with the phrase "Please be my Valentine" printed in fancy letters next to which was the name of their chosen Valentine.

Folks, let me tell you that I used to sweat it out in fear of not getting a card from my dream girl which was always the case. I went from being love sick to just plain sick. Yes, Cupid always had a special arrow put aside just for me... It had a poison dart attached to it. What was even worse was watching the girl I sent the card to, reading it with a frown, put it back in the envelope and throw it out when no one was looking... no one except me

My Valentine's Day Nightmare followed me into high school. My mother used to tell me that I was not going to meet a girl by hiding out in the janitor's office. It took me until May of my junior year to find out that she was right.

The janitor's office was a haven for a kid like me...The janitor didn't mind because he was my father. Even at that, if I stayed away too long I had to remind him who I was. Such was the state of my popularity.

I sat next to the same girl in homeroom for four years. At the beginning of each term she would ask me if I was a new student. Finally, I gave in and said yes. I was easier than trying to convince her that we had been classmates since Kindergarten.

Finally, in early May of 1964, I stumbled out of the janitor's office and by a strange twist of fate, I met a pretty blond girl who agreed to go to the movies with me.

I discovered life outside of the boiler room which up until then didn't include me. True, I still would slip back in every now and then...you know, to get back to my roots so to speak, also to have a free lunch that my dad used to provide complements of the LHS cafeteria.

On Valentine's Day, the cafeteria women would send over heart shaped cupcakes which lifted me out of my depression at least until the sugar wore off.

Yes, I did find myself a girlfriend. And for the first time in my young life I had my own Valentine. True I had to keep my fingers crossed until the following February.

Talk about pressure! Beatlemania was at its peak and with it, for me, came unbridled popularity. The girls thought I resembled Paul McCartney and believe me folks it was a difficult thing to live up to. My biggest fear was that my new girlfriend would find out that I wasn't a Beatle and would dump me before Valentine's Day.

Luckily, that wasn't the case and on February 14, 1965 we chose "Tell Me Why" by The Beatles as our own special song. You know something folks it's still my favorite.

Here's the Valentine's Day poem that I wrote for that special girl back in 1964.

Please be My Valentine I Saw You Pass by But I'm Rather Shy And Didn't Know What To Do. I Know What To Sav Yet The Words Melt Away Each Time I Get Close To You I'd Write You A Letter But it Isn't Much Better Can't Think of a single Line

So I Might As Well Say It There's no Time To Delay It Please be My Valentine. ###

Selecting The Right Valentine Gift

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you've gone out with her a few times, the level of commitment is low, and you're simply having a lot of fun. What do you buy her?

Buying her a Valentine card, flowers or candy is acceptable for this early stage in a relationship.

On the other hand, if the relationship is strong and its future seems bright, opt for a more original present.

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

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Fish & Chips March 4

Saint Margaret of Cortona's Parish Social Life Committee is sponsoring their 13th annual Fish and Chips Dinner on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

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. Take-out orders are available. For information, call Ellie at 201-641-0883. ###

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 11, 2017, from 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Donation is \$10 per person and includes Corned Beef, cabbage, potatoes, coffee and dessert. For more information call 201-641-9774. Proceeds to benefit Veterans and children. ###

W-R Knights Corned Beef Dinner March 11

The Knights of Columbus of Saint Anthony Council 11585 in Wood-Ridge will host their 9th Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

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 ###

Fish & Chips March 1

The Rosary Altar Society of St. Joseph's Church, East Rutherford, is sponsoring a Fish and Chips dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, from 5 to 7 p.m., in the St. Joseph's School cafeteria, 120 Hoboken Road, East Rutherford. Event catered by Thistle Fish & Chips.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$9 for children under 12 years of age. Take out is available. Tickets will be sold after all Masses. For tickets please call Lorraine at 201-896-9387. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

Fish and Chips March 31

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Joseph's Church in Lodi is sponsoring their Annual Fish & Chips Dinner on Friday, March 31, 2017, from 6 to 8 p.m., in the school auditorium on Spring Street.

Menu includes batter dipped cod, french fries, coleslaw, mac & cheese. Extra piece of fish is \$6 each.

Tickets: \$15. For tickets call Carole at 551-265-8750 or Sharon at 201-920-9071 before February 18. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

Health Tip Eat Breakfast

How are you supposed to have energy and a functioning mind if you are not feeding your body?

Eating breakfast is one of the most important steps to losing weight and being healthy.

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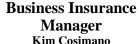
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HHJWC St. Pat's Party! March 10

Join the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights Annual St. Patrick's Day Party. at the Hasbrouck Heights VFW Post 4591 on Friday, March 10, 2017, from 7 to 11 p.m.

Ticket price is \$50 per person and includes Corned Beef and cabbage dinner, soda, wine and beer, featuring Guinness Draught & Harp. Tables of 10 may be reserved when tickets are paid for in advance.

Live Irish and DJ entertainment, as well as Tricky Tray raffle prizes. A 50/50 raffle will also be featured. Attendees must be 21 years or older to attend. All proceeds will benefit Junior Women's Club charities and local scholarships.

To purchase tickets, visit www.hhjuniors.org or email hhjuniors@gmail.com ###

Lasagna Dinner & Tricky Tray

The Rosary Society of Corpus Christi Church, Hasbrouck Heights, is hosting a Lasagna Dinner on Friday, March 31, 2017, 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 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. ###



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Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Feb. 12

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffetstyle Family Breakfast on Sunday, February 12, 2017, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi.

Menu includes: all-youcan-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (to order), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea.

Adults: \$6; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

Carlstadt/ER Lions Pancake Breakfast March 5

The Carlstadt - East Rutherford Lions Club will hold its Annual Pancake Breakfast event on Sunday, March 5, 2017, from 8 a.m.-noon, at the East Rutherford Civic Center, located on Vreeland Avenue in East Rutherford.

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

Ham Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, February 14, 2017, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

Ham 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. ###

Warm, Tickle, or Chill the Heart

Prepare for St. Patrick's Day and Spring by joining the Wood-Ridge Historical Society on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Arnault/Bianchi House on First Street for the program: "David MacCaffrey, the Shannachie of Glendunbunn Ballybegg."

Compelling storyteller David Emerson retells (and embroiders) the colorful and ancient tales of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Cornwall in a presentation that will "warm, tickle, or chill the heart."

This program is brought to you by a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities. Refreshments will be served. ###

Chinese New Year Luncheon

Come join The Hasbrouck Heights Friends of The Library as they host their Chinese New Year Luncheon on Sunday, February, 12, 2017, from 12-2:30 p.m., at the Asian Grill Restaurant located at 20 Rt. 17 North in East Rutherford (located in the Lowe's Plaza).

This is the Year of the Rooster. Guests will be given an opportunity to sample all of the following items which include: Dim Sum (Appetizers) - Siu Mai (steamed dumpling filled with shrimp and pork meat), Pan-Fried Turnip Cake w/ Oyster Sauce, Shrimp Ball, Spring Roll, Baked Roasted Pork Bun, Coconut Custard Cake; Entrée - Braised Beef Short Ribs, Crispy Chicken over Mixed Vegetables, House Noodles; Dessert - Ice Cream with Fortune Cookie on top. Tea, soda, white and brown rice are included with meal.

Tickets are \$35/person and can be purchased at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. Let them know in advance if you have any dietary restrictions. Chef is happy to make accommodations. Please call 201-288-0488 for more details. Seating is limited. No tickets will be sold at the door. ###

Winterfest Sale

Rutherford United Methodist Church will host a Winterfest Sale on Saturday, February 4, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., featuring vendors of jewelry, gourmet chocolates, body care products, and more. Plus: Huge new/used bargain sale. 56 West Passaic Avenue. Free admission. For more information go to http://www.rutherfordumc.org ###

Scouting for Food

Troop 17 and Cub Pack 17 of Hasbrouck Heights will be taking part in the National Scouting program of Scouting For Food on Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 9 a.m. until noon.

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

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

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

Pasta Night & Mini Tricky Tray February 12

On February 12, 2017, from 3 to 7 p.m., The Bergen County Auxiliary Unit #147, Elmwood Park will hold a Pasta Night and Mini Tricky Tray.

Donation is \$20 and includes salad, pasta with sauce, bread, butter, cake and coffee, plus, one entrance Tricky Tray ticket included.

For more information, call Theresa at 201-522-7619, Debe at 201-925-4389, Pam at 201-572-0656 or Andra K at 201-658-0205. ###

American Legion Pancake Breakfast February 12

Lodi Post 136 and Rochelle Park Post 170 will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 8:30 a.m. till noon, at 33 W. Passaic Street, Rochelle Park.

There will be pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee, tea, juice, fruit cocktail and homemade crumb cake (while they last), all for a \$5 donation with children under 6 free.

Any questions contact Bob Salvini at bobsalvini@att.net or Francis Carrasco at mrfajc@ hotmail.com ###

The Friends of the Lodi Memorial Library 2016 Recap

The Friends of the Lodi Memorial Library had one of its most active years.

March was very successful with "First Day of Spring Event" by welcoming the Bergen County Zoo and our mascots for the event, "Lodi Larry the Rabbit & Yurtle the Turtle." The zoo ran two events, "Wild & Crafty Critters" and "Backyard Animals" to a very enthusiastic crowd.

The Friends ran two fundraisers at a restaurant in Elmwood Park and raised over \$280 for the restaurant in a four hour period in which 10% went to the Friends.

April was the 4th Annual Friends Open House as part of National Library Week. They capped off National Library Week with a visit from Red Bulls II Goalkeeper and local resident, Rafael Diaz. Mr. Diaz welcomed a very large crowd of soccer fans.

In May and June, The Friends held anambitious membership drives mailing 9,122 membership forms to all the residents of the Borough

At the end of June, The Friends awarded two \$1,000 scholarships to Lodi High School seniors.

The Friends built a series of programs around their fall theme "Follow the Yellow Brick Road Back to Your Library." Miss New Jersey 2016, Miss Brenna Weick, joined them for the 116th Anniversary of the novel "The Wizard of Oz," followed by a Q & A and autograph signing.

Miss Weick delighted the audience by singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Someone like You," from the musical "Jekyll & Hyde" that she performed in the Miss America Pageant. The showing of the 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz" followed.

A second fundraiser at a local restaurant in November raised over \$200 of which 10%

went to the Friends.

They again welcomed the Bergen County Zoo for two "Wizard of Oz" themed events, "Dorothy's Barnyard Backyard" and "The Tales of Flying Monkeys." They were visited by 'Butterscotch" the chicken, the mascot for the event and welcomed over 30 patrons.

At the beginning of October, they held their First Annual Members Reception, welcoming all old and new members of The Friends.

During the holiday season, they welcomed their Second Annual "Teens, Tots & Toys" holiday festival.

Best-selling and Caldecott Medal Winner Children's author, Christopher Raschka, read from his best-selling books, "The Hello Goodbye Window" and "A Ball for Daisy." There was excellent audience participation as the author had the children act out his books. The talk was followed by a Q & A and a book signing.

During the year, they ran an ongoing "Tote Bag Book Sale" to great success and raised money for many Library programs, including supporting the Summer Reading Program, Children's programming, National Library Week, Senior Yoga and buying a new CD cleaner for The Library and updating the Children's Room with new furnishings.

If you are looking to get involved, The Friends meet every second Wednesday at The Lodi Memorial Library. *Provided by Justin Watrel*. ###

Tricky Tray February 26

The First Presbyterian Church in Carlstadt is hosting a Tricky Tray on Sunday, February 26, 2017, starting at 1 p.m. at The Graycliff.

Donation is \$50 per person and includes dinner, soda and a sheet of tickets for regular level prizes. Cash bar. Must be 18 and over. Reserved seating. For tickets, call Sue or Harold at 201-438-2273. ###

Tricky Tray Pasta Dinner February 22

Team Shiseido Group will host a Tricky Tray Pasta Dinner on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, from 6-10 p.m., at the Fiesta. Cost is \$50 per person – table of 10 for \$400.

Ticket includes salad station, pasta station, garlic bread, draught beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea and dessert.

Event to benefit Team Shiseido Group's fundraising for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training program.

To purchase tickets,visit http://bit.ly/2hV7Ble or R.S.V.P. to Anthony Viola, aviola@sac. shiseido.com or call 201-651-3887. ###

Spring Fling Luncheon

VFW District 2 Auxiliary is hosting their Annual Spring Fling Luncheon on Sunday, March 26, 2017 from noon to 4 p.m. at The Graycliff. The event is open to the public.

Menu is tossed salad, penne pasta, potatoes and vegetable, choice of prime rib or chicken francaise, ice cream, iced tea, soda, coffee and tea. Cash bar. 50-50 raffle and gift card raffle.

Back by popular demand will be Dave Beasley with music by BOP with the Beas.

Donation is \$40 pp. Advance tickets only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

For tickets call Jan at 201-264-8692. ###

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Have some fun, meet new people, bring a project you've been working on or one you would like to start, or choose a new project when you get to our winter "Knit and Crochet-In" on Sunday, February 12, 2017, from 2 to 5 p.m.

This event is open to all who are interested in knitting and crocheting, no matter what level they are at. We look forward to seeing you there. The event will take place in Holy Trinity's multi-purpose room at 92 Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights. For more information call 201-288-6889 or visit holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com See more at facebook.com/holytrinityhasbrouckheights ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

MOPS is a haven for moms with children ages 0-6 by providing an encouraging, accepting atmosphere where a mom is assured that she is not alone.

Hasbrouck Heights MOPS invites you to join them at "Whispering Kindness," Thursday, February 23, 2017, from 7-9 p.m. RSVP by February 20 so they will have enough yummy snacks. Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPPETS childcare provided by RSVP only. Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@ gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb - Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers. ###





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Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Saturday" program, which will be held on February 4, 2017, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features homemade soup and sandwiches plus "Gifts of the Magi." This program is an expansion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken. ###

Kip Center Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. The cost is \$30.

You will get \$30 back when you arrive. 55 Kip Members first priority, but spaces are generally available for your friends. Reserve early.

New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on! Call 201-460-1600 for more information. ###

Casino Bus Trip

The HH VFW Post 4591 sponsors Casino Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of each month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. The cost is \$35 paid in advance; includes a continental breakfast from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Games, prizes and a movie make the travel time pass quickly. For details call Andy at 973-773-1812 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###



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Groundhog Day February 2

According to folklore, if 2, 1887. 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.

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

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

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

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

Garden Club News

The HH Garden Club is meeting on February 15, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., in The Hasbrouck Heights Library Meeting Room. Parking in the back of the building and across on Central Avenue. An elevator is available!

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Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. This month's speaker will be horticulturist and Master Gardener, Joe Pap. His subject for the evening: All About Soil.

Joe has been interested in gardening since he was a young boy.

Through the encouragement of Jane Furman, he became a Master Gardener because he wanted to be challenged, learn more and also share his knowledge and love of gardening with others.

In 2012, he became the Horticultural Director of the Teaneck Garden Club and Greenhouse and was responsible for the propagation of approximately 18,000 plants for the Club's annual plant sale.

Through this sale the Club provides the township with 5,000 annuals, maintains a number of gardens and provides educational endeavors for the Hawthorne Elementary, a junior Garden program, community outreach and scholarship. He has given lectures on the Soil Food Web and Composting.

Come and bring a Friend! In case of inclement weather, please contact The Public Library at 201-288-0484.

For further information call Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

Trees and the National NYC 9/11 Memorial

On Wednesday, March 15, 2017, The Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club and The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library are welcoming Paul Cowie: Consulting Arborist and Urban Forrester.

Paul Cowie, President of Paul Cowie & Associates, is a New Jersey Certified Tree Expert, International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist, and Past President of the NJ Arborists, Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.

Paul's personal areas of expertise include assisting in the development of innovative and sustainable urban planting designs, site-appropriate species selection, tree inventories, and community forest management planning.

Among his many accomplishments his firm has overseen preservation of historic trees at Ellis Island; the development of a volunteerbased maintenance program for Branch Brook Park in Newark; contributed to the winning design to restore Constitution Gardens on the National Mall in Washington ,D.C. and helping with the landscape master plans for the United Nations Headquarters, Princeton University, Cadwalader Park, and

On March 15, he will speak on the design and implementation of the tree planting at the National September 11 Memorial at Ground Zero in NY.

The presentation will provide a review and insight to the design requirements for the trees, many of the complex challenges the design faced, and the highly specialized arboricultural techniques that were employed to meet those requirements.

Having been involved in the process from 2005 to 2011, from development of the project specifications, through procurement and preparation of the trees, to the start of planting, Mr. Cowie will share a wide range of photographs, stories, and technical review from each step of the process.

Come and join them in the Senior Center located at 320 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights. The entrance for the Senior Center is located on Central Avenue. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting. Registration is required for this event! You may call The Library at 201-288-0484 or visit The Library website at hasbrouckheights.bccls.org and look under calendar. This is a family event and an adult must accompany children! The Garden Club always welcomes all who are interested in theirprograms. ###

AWS Meadowlands Chapter Meets February 17

American Wine Society Meadowlands Chapter is proud to be hosting an evening of great wines from Spain, presented by Maria Stevens of JMF Group which represents Faustino wines.

Started in the mid 1800s, Faustino Winery has become known as one of the premier fine wine producers of the Rioja region. Today, Bodegas Faustino is Rioja's largest exporter of Gran Reserva wines. The winner of numerous awards and gold medals in international competitions and tastings, Bodegas Faustino is a proud custodian of the Rioja region's growing international reputation as a source of truly world-class fine wines.

These world class wines will be presented by Maria Stevens, no stranger to our group. Maria has established a highly-regarded reputation as a wine educator, marrying her academic background with her formal wine credentials. Her events, seminars, articles and programs always never fail to educate, innovate and entertain. In fact, you may find yourself thinking you are in Spain once Maria gets on a roll.

It is presenters and wine tastings like this that has helped make us the largest, and still growing, AWS chapter in the state of NJ. Seriously, you did know that right? But if you did not, we would love for you to find out all about us. It is time for you to get on board the Wine Train in 2017.

As always there will be tasty snacks both savory and sweet to please your palate to compliment the 6-7 wines being presented. Food and wine wow such a deal!

We encourage you to come to our February 17, 2017 meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. at the award winning wine school, Make Wine With Us, located at 21 Currie Street, Wallington, NJ.

Cost for this meeting is \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members, reasonable price for the many different wines we will be enjoying and don't forget the snacks, too! Have some wine and learn some fun facts and be part of the largest and still growing AWS Chapter in NJ. You can follow us at http://wineclub201.blogspot. com for more details about the group, and we will soon be on Facebook.

To ensure that we have enough seating please RSVP to the wineclub201@gmail.com. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there. Chapter President Angel Martinez and all around good wine guy Vice President Philip Miuccio. Cheers & Salute! ###

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Opera Singer Auditions

The New Jersey Association of Verismo Opera, the house opera company of the Bergen Performing Arts Center (bergenPAC), invites singers to audition for the Verismo Opera Chorus on Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. An appointment is required. Call 201-886-0561 or contact info@verismopera.org

This spring, the Verismo Opera Chorus will sing in Italian and perform live in Giuseppe Verdi's magnificent opera, Aida, on April 23, 2017, at 3 p.m. at bergenPAC.

Preparation for the Verismo Opera includes instruction in the pronunciation of the text in Italian, vocal warm-ups, learning the music and detailed staging. The opera will be fully staged and performed with the cast in costume. A live orchestra will accompany this resplendent opera. ###

Spirited Spanish Flavor Concert

The Leonia Chamber Musicians Society, Inc. will perform the second of a three concert series on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at 4 p.m., at All Saints Episcopal Church, 150 Park Avenue in Leonia.

The riveting concert, "Spanish Flavor," will showcase music by Spanish composer Joaquín Turina, as well as Italian composers Luigi Boccherini and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door for \$30 adults, \$25 seniors, and students under age 18 will be admitted free. For more information, contact Daryl Goldberg at 201-947-3923 or dgcello@ aol.com

For more information about the Leonia Chamber Musicians Society, Inc., visit https://www. facebook.com/leoniachamber-

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W-R Band Festival Mar. 1

The Seventh Annual Wood-Ridge Schools Band Festival 2017 Concert will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 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, Mrs. Sterba, Mr. Santoro, Mrs. Manolakakis, band students from Robert L. Craig School - Moonachie (Grades 4-8), Wood-Ridge Intermediate School (Grades 4-6) and Jr. Sr. HS Band (Grades 7-12) will perform. ###

Training for Clown **Volunteers**

If you like to make people smile, now is your chance to join "Call-Us-Clowns, Inc.," a group of thirty-eight Caring Clowns who volunteer at area hospitals, nursing homes, libraries, senior centers, day care centers, schools, and various charitable events.

No experience is needed and training is provided when you join. You must have the time and desire to serve the community as a clown volun-

The next training course begins February 13, 2017, and meets in Hackensack for eight (8) classes on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The course is required for new members and designed to teach you skills to become a working member of the troupe.

This course is staffed by experienced clowns. You will learn about clown make-up, costume, the clown persona, clown history, as well as clown movement, balloon sculpture, face painting, juggling, magic and other tools and skills of the caring clown.

Visit www.callusclowns. org or call their 24/7 voice message center at 201-805-2567. ###

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New **Tutoring** Program

Care on the Corner is pleased to announce a new tutoring program. The aim is to help children with challenges in Grades 4 and 5 with understanding the importance of learning and acquiring good study skills.

Helping all students experience the fun in learning and the need for practice - hence the need for homework.

Children will be given guidance in order to experience success while completing and understanding homework assignments feeling encouraged and prepared for the following day's challenges.

Classes are held in the Care on the Corner facility. Students are divided between grade levels with one teacher/assistant per two to three students, allowing for one-on-one teaching and attention. Children are given supplemental assignments (including educational games) targeting their "problem" spots.

The session starts on February 9, 2017 and runs through April 12, 2017 from 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

There is a \$25 registration fee with scholarships available.

Having an Affair?

If your organization is having an event that is open to the public, we can help you tell "everybody" about it. Simply provide the following event details: name, date, times, cost, brief explanation of program features, etc., along with contact information. Send these details at least 45 days prior to the event to: fritz@hasbrouckheights.com or drop them off at: The Gazette Newspaper, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. ###

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Rutherford Recreation **Preschool**

Registration opens on March 13, 2017! Classes are held at Tamblyn Field Civic Center and begin on Monday, September 18 and Tuesday, September 19. The 3 year old class meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30-11:15 a.m.

The 4 year old class meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30-11:15 a.m. Children must be 3 and 4 years old by Oct. 1, 2017.

The annual fee is \$1,440 for 3 year olds and \$2,160 for 4 year olds. Payments can be made on bi-monthly basis. 3's—\$320/4's—\$480.

There is also an after school program on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. for an additional fee.

The Rutherford Recreation Preschool is a NJ State approved Pre-K program.

For more information please call the Recreation Office at 201-460-3015. ###

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RCDN Pre-school Registration

The Rutherford Cooperative Day Nursery School is now accepting applications for the 2017-2018 school year.

Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 classes are offered in a unique cooperative setting that is a partnership between the parents and teachers, fostering a safe, nurturing environment where play and learning happen.

This program focuses on age appropriate skills and activities including story time, music and movement, art and sports and exercise in their own gym. The Pre-K 3 program is held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9-11:45 a.m. and the Pre-K 4 program is held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 -1:30 p.m.

Children must be 3 and 4 years of age by the public school cut off date for Kindergarten of the town in which you reside. For more information, visit rcdnschool.com or call to schedule a tour at 201-438-0899. ###

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Full Snow Moon

The February full moon will appear on Friday, February 10, 2017, at 7:33 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. ###



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Shamrock 5K Run

The 6th Annual 5K Michael Cassidy Shamrock 'N' Run/Walk will be held rain or shine, 10 a.m., Saturday, March 11, 2017 at Monona Avenue, Memorial Park in Rutherford. Pre-registration ends March 3. Price is \$25/\$30 day of race. Check-in starts at 8 a.m.

First 500 registrants receive a race shirt. Race packets, tech shirts and bib numbers may be picked up at Rutherford High School, Friday, March 11 between 5 and 8 p.m.

Scenic Rutherford neighborhood; event sanctioned and course certified by USATF-NJ.

Timing and scoring by Elite Racing Systems. Race results will be posted at eliteracingsystems.com and RunSign-Up.com Proceeds to benefit national Brain TumorSociety. For details go to www.shamrocknrun5K.org. ###

Devils Hockey Game Fundraiser

The Rutherford Education Foundation is having a NJ Devils Hockey Game Fundraiser on Friday, February 17, 2017, at 7 p.m. The NJ Devils will play the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Prudential Center in Newark.

Tickets: \$50 per person. Includes REF Group Onscreen Welcome, Group Seating, Devils Group Gift and a Post-Game Group Photo at center ice! For more info, contact Rich at 973-309-3522. For mail-in tickets, make checks payable to "Rutherford Education Foundation" and send to PO Box 246, Rutherford, NJ 07070. ###

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Rutherford Food Pantry Hosts 2017 Stewper Bowl

Football's big event - and many exciting playoff games along the way - are ready to kick off, and the Rutherford Community Pantry is asking neighbors and local businesses to take a moment during these exciting weeks to contribute to the 2017 Stewper Bowl donation drive.

The RCP is collecting stews and other hearty canned meat meals in February to benefit pantry families this winter.

Stews and similar meals are popular items that families gobble up in the cold months, and it's hard to keep the pantry's shelves stocked. Canned items that are perfect for the Stewper Bowl drive include stews, chili, chicken, Vienna sausages, pasta with meatballs, Spam, sloppy joes, hash, and beef soups.

A great way to help the drive is to ask family and friends attending footballthemed parties to bring along a can for a group donation. Residents, neighbors, and friends can drop off items anytime at the pantry, located in the basement of Borough Hall at 176 Park Avenue in Rutherford.

The Rutherford Community Pantry is a volunteer, nonprofit organization that meets emergency and ongoing needs for food and personal hygiene items for citizens of Rutherford and for members of Rutherford religious institutions who are referred by an approved agency.

The RCP is a joint effort of concerned citizens, community faith congregations, and civic organizations.

For more information, or to inquire about the monthly needs lists and volunteer opportunities, please visit our webpage at http://www.rutherfordcommunitypantry.org, their Facebook page at www. facebook.com/Rutherford-FoodPantry, or call 201-460-3000, ext. 3168. ###

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How to Read the News: An Introduction to **News Literacy**

With so much information out there, how can a consumer feel informed? How can a reader know what to trust, where to direct their energies?

Media critic and journalist, Stephanie Schwartz, will explain how a person can "read the news," how to construct a diverse media diet, and how to critically evaluate news and news sources in a seminar at The Hasbrouck Heights Library Monday, February 6, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The audience will learn the difference between propaganda and marketing messages, advertisements disguised as straight news, and the concept of objectivity in reporting, along with strategies for making ethical and sustainable media choices.

She'll also discuss the differences in platforms, what constitutes credible news sources, and touch upon business models, production methods, organizations, and types of content.

Stephanie Schwartz has worked in PR and as a journalist, reporting on both local and national issues. She has two degrees in media, and can be found tweeting primarily about it @mediadissector.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end. Teens are welcome. To register, please call 201-288-0488 or log on to http:// hasbrouckheights.bccls.org and go to calendar. The Hasbrouck Heights Library is located at 320 Boulevard. The workshop will be held in the second floor meeting room across from the entrance. ###

Little Ferry Baseball Registration

Little Ferry Baseball is starting in February, every Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and every Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Registration and sign ups for the following age groups

- Babe Ruth Ages 13 to 15 (They'll also be practicing)
 - Mickey Mantle Age 16
- Connie Mack Ages 17

Registration and sign-ups, will be at Memorial School on Liberty St. in Little Ferry. Fees for all 3 Divisions are \$125.

For more information call 201-440-6879. ###

Understanding the News Media February 27

There were newspapers and magazines, and then there was television and radio. Now the Internet has come along, and with that social media.

But for many news consumers, the landscape is confusing and scary. What's a concerned citizen to do?

On Monday, February 27, 2017 at 3 p.m., at The Hasbrouck Heights Library, journalist and media scholar, Stephanie Schwartz, will offer a workshop on "how to read the news," and give an overview on how massive changes in technology have changed the news business and what that means for consumers.

Stephanie Schwartz has over a decade of experience in media, working in PR and as a journalist reporting on both local and national issues. She has two degrees in media, and can be found tweeting primarily about it @mediadissector. She will discuss the real bias inherent in the news media and how consumers can make ethical and sustainable media consumption choices, including the differences in types of media. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions.

This seminar is part of The Hasbrouck Heights Library's monthly "Mondays at The Library" series of events, where experts offer illuminating views on an aspect of society or culture.

To register, call 201-288-0488 or log on to http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org and go to calendar. ###

Fly Fishing Lessons

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is sponsoring a free seminar about the "how to" of fly fishing. The basics will be discussed by avid fly fisherman, Doug Penna. Doug is a member of the New Jersey Trout Unlimited Club. This free lesson will take place in The Library's conference room at 320 Boulevard on Monday, February 13, 2017 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Doug will review the basic techniques of fly fishing. He will make equipment available for hands-on experiences. Trout season is not far off. Try something new!

The whole family is welcome to attend. To register, please call 201-288-0488 or log on to http://hasbrouckheights. bccls.org and go to their calendar. ###

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Lodi February 2017 Computer Classes

Lodi Memorial Library offers introductory-level 90-minute computer classes for adults. Basic mouse and keyboard typing skills are required. Space is limited and pre-registration is required, with a \$5 refundable deposit to hold your spot.

- Introduction to Microsoft Word: Learn to create, save and format a document. Tuesday, February 7 at 1:30 p.m.; Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m.
- Internet & Email Basics: How to search for websites; use a browser; change browser settings; email settings and attachments. Saturday, February 11 at 11 a.m.
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel: Learn to create, edit and format a spreadsheet, enter numeric and text information and basic formulas. Tuesday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Word Intermediate: Learn more formatting and editing options. Tuesday, February 21 at 1:30 p.m.
- Google Drive & More Apps. Learn a suite of free web-based tools for file management, collaborative work, word processing, spreadsheet, presentations, research and more. You will need an active email account for this class. Saturday, February 25 at 1:30 p.m.
- Microsoft Excel Intermediate: Learn worksheet formatting options, sheet tabs, autofill; freeze panes; work with formulas, sort data, print options. Tuesday, February 28 at 1:30 p.m.

Lodi residents have priority for registration. Classes are held in the first floor Conference Room. For more information visit The Library website at http://lodi.bccls.org/computerclasses.html ###

Tech Tutor

Looking to maximize free content for your tablet, Kindle, or smart phone? The Rutherford Public Library is offering an appointment-based Tech Tutor services to provide personalized instruction on downloading free e-books, e-magazines, audiobooks, music, and movies to personal devices.

Librarians can also assist with research, setting up e-mail accounts, and basic computer instruction. For an appointment or for more information, please call 201-939-8600 and ask for Reference. ###

Cold Weather Tip

Be sure to turn off your exterior water faucet.

Basic ESL

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 Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10 a.m. Students may register in person at the Information Desk. For more information, please call 201-939-8600. ###

Conversation Group

English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library. The group will meet on Mondays from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays from 1:00-2:30 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, please call 201-939-8600. ###

W-R ESL

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library hosts English as a Second Language classes for adults at no charge. Classes will meet every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday morning at 10:15 a.m. No registration is required. For more information, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Carlstadt Library Tuesday Movies

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

This month they will be showing...

- February 14: "Sully" (PG-13)
- February 28: "The Girl on the Train" (R)

Popcorn and beverages will be provided. No registration required for this free event!

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for more information about this month's selections. The Carlstadt Library is at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Lodi Wednesday Free Movies

Lodi Library offers movie screenings: free recently-released movies are shown Wednesdays starting at 1:30 p.m.For information on the movies showing each week, call 973-365-4044, ext. 2, or visit http://lodi.bccls.org/new-ly-released-movies.html ###

Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, February 1, 2017, at 6 p.m., to discuss "The Engagements" by Courtney Sullivan.

The meeting will be held on The Library Mezzanine. All those who knit or crochet are warmly invited to bring their needlework and join the discussion. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

Monday Evening Book Group

On February 13, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Jack of Spades: A Tale of Suspense" by Joyce Carol Oates. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

Kip Center Daytime Reading Group

On Friday, February 24, 2017, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at the 55 Kip Center to discuss "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

Gray Mountains

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017, at 7 p.m., The Carlstadt Evening Book Club will be discussing "Gray Mountains" by John Grisham.

Light refreshments will be served. New members are welcome! Call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. The Carlstadt Library is at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

Chicks with Sticks - Knitting and Crocheting Club

On Thursday, February 16, 2017, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., join Chicks with Sticks every third Thursday of the month. Knit, crochet, and chat the night away. Bring along your projects and get tips and ideas from others who love this favorite pastime! Call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for more information about this month's selections. The Carlstadt Library is located 420 Hackensack Street. ###

Girl Waits With Gun

On Tuesday, February 21, 2017, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library to discuss "Girl Waits with Gun" by Amy Stewart. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. All are welcome. ###

Florence Foster Jenkins

On Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 6 p.m., The Friends of the Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening of "Florence Foster Jenkins" at The Rutherford Public Library.

Based on the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York socialite who dreams of becoming a great opera singer. While the voice she hears in her head is beautiful, to everyone else it is hilariously awful.

Her partner and biggest fan, St. Clair Bayfield, is determined to protect his beloved Florence from the truth. But when Florence stages a huge concert at Carnegie Hall, he faces his greatest challenge to make sure her performance is a rousing success.

Starring Meryl Streep, Hugh Grant, Simon Helberg, Rebecca Ferguson, Nina Arianda. The film will be shown in The Library's Glass Room. For more information, call 201-939-8600. ###

A Fall of Marigolds

Lodi Library Book Club meets Tuesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m. This month's selection is "A Fall of Marigolds" (Susan Meissner).

A beautiful scarf, passed down through the generations, connects two women who learn that the weight of the world is made bearable by the love we give away.... (amazon.com). Light refreshments are served. Book Club meets in the 1st floor Conference Room.

For more information on upcoming books for the year, visit our website http://lodi.bccls.org/tuesday-night-book-club.html ###

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Adult Crafternoon

Want to learn a new skill? Create paper roses with help from staff member Grace Kim. Make one or several to give away as Valentines for your loved ones on Friday, February 3, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. Space limited. Registration required.

Please call Rebecca at 201-438-8866 ex. 204 for further information. The Carlstadt Library is located 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Lodi Adult Coloring Club

On Thursday February 23, 2017, 7 p.m., join the hot new trend! Get creative and relax at the same time. From flowers to landscapes to abstract patterns; you'll find a canvas for your inspiration at The Lodi Library. ###

Learn Your Gadget

On Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at 7 p.m., learn about your new gadget.

Did you get a new e-reader or tablet for this holiday season? Learn how to download audio books and more with the use of your Library card.

Please be sure to have your email passwords handy along with your Library card. Registration required.

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

Park Avenue Toastmasters

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

Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, February 6 and Monday, February 27, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

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Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills. To register, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Drop-In Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning drop-in storytime program on Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15 and 22, and also on Thursday, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, 2017 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. For more information, please call 201-939-8600. ###

Valentine Craft and Story Time

Join the Valentine Craft and Story Time at The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. For children in Grades K-3. They will be reading some great books and making a craft to take home. Please call 201-288-0485 to register or for details. Registration is required. ###

Book Bingo

BINGO! Join The Hasbrouck Heights Library for a game of Book Bingo for ages 5-12 and win prizes! They meet on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 201-288-0485 for more information to register. ###

Read to Your Child

Wallington February Library Programs

The John F. Kennedy Memorial Library programs for February 2017 for children and adults are held in The Library unless otherwise noted. All programs are free.

Children

Monday and Tuesday are reserved as Story and Craft time for children ages 3 and up. The programs begin promptly at 3:30 p.m. A snack is served at end of craft.

- Game Day (for all ages) at 3:30 p.m. on February 8.
- Card Making for Grades 3, 4 and 5 at 3:30 p.m. on February 15.
- Movie Night will be held on February 16 promptly at 6 p.m. at the VFW. Popcorn and beverage will be served. Call The Library for further information.
- Pizza & Pages for Grades 4, 5 and 6 at noon on February 18.

Adults

- Coloring for Adults will be held twice each month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Book Club will be held on February 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Computer Coach is available every Friday by appointment only! Be sure to call ahead to schedule. ###

Circle Time with Sukey Molloy

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host Circle Time! with Sukey Molloy on Wednesday, February 8 and February 22, 2017 at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on both dates.

Join Sukey Molloy for her award winning series of musical play activities, designed to encourage movement, play and song in the developing years. Children ages 6 months to 5 years of age and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date.

Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

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Crafternoon

Miss Nina presents Crafternoons at The Library! We create all kinds of amazing make and take craft projects. For children ages five and up. They will be doing a Valentine's Day craft on February 8, 2017! For further information, call the Children's Department at 201-438-8866 ext. 203. Located at 420 Hackensack St., Carlstadt, NJ. ###

Coloring

On February 14, 2017 at 7 p.m., Grades five and up are welcome to attend Young Adult crafts with Miss Nina at The Carlstadt Library. This month, they will be coloring—with a twist! For more information, call the Children's Department at 201-438-8866 ext. 203. ###

Chili and **Corn Bread**

Fifth Graders and up are welcome to try their hand at cooking class with Miss Nina on February 21, 2017 at 7 p.m. The dishes and recipes are simple, and Miss Nina will walk you through how to cook some of her favorite dishes. This month features Chili and Corn Bread. For more information, call the Children's Department at 201-438-8866 ext. 203. ###

Piggy Bank

On February 23, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., come to The Carlstadt Library and paint a cute owl piggy bank! Make it your own creation with paint, glitter, googly eyes, glue, feathers... whatever you can imagine! Please register online—space is limited: https://goo.gl/awv-LgI ###

Music with Miss Nita

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free music-and-movement class with Miss Nita on Friday, February 17, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Come share the joys of making music together! Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session.

Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required; registration opens three weeks prior to the program. To register please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

Libraries Are Fun!

HH Book Clubs for Kids

Join one of the two book clubs for kids at The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library, 320 Boulevard.

- Best Books for students in Grades 2-3 meet on the first Friday of each month.
- Critics' Choice for Grades 4-6 meet on the third Friday of each month. Registration is required. For more details, stop by the Children's Desk or call 201-288-0485. ###

HH Little Artist

For students in Grades 2-5, come learn about an artist or type of art and recreate a famous work or make your own masterpiece at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. No experience is necessary. There are no mistakes in art!

Join them Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. Registration is required. Please call 201-288-0485 for more details or to register. ###

HH Lego Club

Join The Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and create with them. Legos will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Next meeting dates will be Tuesday, February 7 and 21, 2017, starting at 3:30 p.m., for ages 5-12. Registration is required. Call 201-288-0485 to register or for more information. ###

Carlstadt Library Lego Club

If you love Legos, you'll love Lego Club! On February 16, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., children age five and up are welcome to attend. Build anything your imaginations can come up with. Will featured these creations on Facebook! For more information, please give the Children's Department at call at 201-438-8866 ext. 203, or visit 420 Hackensack St., Carlstadt, NJ. ###

W-R Chess Club

On Wednesday, February 1, 8, 15, and 22, 2017, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.and adult beginning players meet from 4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills. ###

Lodi Children's February Events

Lodi Memorial Library offers events for children from toddlers to teen.

• Kids Yoga

Practice the basics of yoga, breathing exercises, and silent meditation. For children of all ages and their caregivers. Saturday, February 4, 11 a.m.

- Books & Chocolate February 6 through 14, 2017. Children and teens can fill out a heart at The Library, and tell us about a book that you love – we'll display your heart and reward you with chocolate! All day.
- Decadent Chocolate Truffles on Saturday, February 11 from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. Ms. Julianne of ShopRite of Lodi helps make this easy and yummy treat. Please call 973-365-4044 ext. 2 to register.
- Minecraft interactive game play:

Grades K – 4: Monday at 4 p.m. (no program February 20) Grades 5 - 8: Thursday at 4 p.m.

- **LEGO Build**, Tuesdays at 4 p.m. The Library provides all the Legos and will display your creations (no Legos February 21).
- Board and Card Games, Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Enjoy UNO, Jenga, Monopoly, Scrabble and other games of your choice.
 - Movies for Kids & Teens

A Children's movie (Grated) will be shown Tuesday February 21 at 4 p.m.

A Teen movie rated PG-13 will be shown Monday, February 27 at 4 p.m., please call for movie titles.

- Toddler Story Time -Fridays at 11 a.m.
- Toddler Play Group Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
- Teen Booksters A group for teens Grades 7-12 who love to read, Tuesday, February 28 from 4-5 p.m. Bring any book you've been reading. Need a suggestion? Check out: http:// www.ala.org/yalsa/2016-bestfiction-young-adults. You're also welcome to bring your own creative writing or artwork. We have snacks, too!

For a schedule of more free events for children and adults, please call or stop by The Library, or visit http://lodi.

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Daisy Troop 97130 had Busy November

On November 7, 2016, Wood-Ridge Daisy Troop 97130 visited the Wood-Ridge Fire Department. Assistant Fire Chief Elizabeth Ferry instructed the girls in fire safety. She told them about how she trained to become a firefighter. This helped the troop earn the Courageous and Strong Petal.

On November 21, Wood-Ridge Daisy Troop 97130 visited **XCEL Tae Kwon Do**. Master Lee and his staff introduced the girls to basic moves and taught anti-bully measures. *Provided by Jane Koegel.* ###



Union Middle School Class Designs Mannequins

At Rutherford's Union Middle School, students in Ms. Klubeck's Three-Dimensional Design class used packing tape to create life-sized sculptures of themselves. First, the talented art students worked cooperatively to wrap each other's bodies with rolls of tape. Then, as they wrapped different parts of the body, Ms. Klubeck carefully cut their tape casts off. Finally, the students were able to tape the parts back together to create a complete sculpture in their own image. Look at these one-of-a-kind mannequins, which were placed around the school during December 2016! *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###



Robotics Team Competes

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, the Faust School STEAM/Robotics Team competed in the first South Bergen Jointure Commission's first competition at Memorial School in South Hackensack. The team spent 3 months designing a bridge that would span 3 feet and hold at least 10 pounds. At the competition, students were given 1 hour to build their bridge from their design. Their final product held over 50 pounds. The team came in 2nd place out of 10 teams. The students had a great time, and are now preparing the robots for the next competition on March 29 in Carlstadt. *Provided by Jessica Gerity.* ###

Distinguished Graduate Award Deadline is Apr. 28

Rutherford High School is again soliciting nominations for its Distinguished Graduate Award. Established in 1990 to recognize a graduate of the high school whose achievements reflect a standard of excellence in his or her chosen field, the award is now a biennial event.

The general criteria used in selecting the honoree stipulate that the honoree must have graduated from Rutherford High School at least ten years prior to nomination; the honoree's achievement must reflect significant accomplishment in his or her career; and the honoree's outstanding contributions must have achieved national, state, or local recognition.

Beginning in 1990 with The Honorable Thomas Pickering, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations and a 1949 graduate of Rutherford High School, recipients have been successful in a variety of fields including writing, the arts, engineering, medicine, science, public service, social justice, philanthropy, and sports.

The nominating form is on theRutherford High School district's website, www.rutherfordschools.org. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 28, 2017. *Provided by JoAnn Hughes.* ###

Rutherford High School FBLA Participants Win

Under the direction of advisors Judith Leonard and Cherryl Bott - Melfa, students from Rutherford High School participated in the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Regional Competition on December 6, 2016.

Approximately 40 students competed in a variety of business-related events such as: Business Law, Sports and Entertainment Management, Advertising, Accounting 1, Marketing, Introduction to Financial Math, Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Business, Introduction to Business Communication, and Business Calculations. All competitive events were completed online in a computer lab. Students participated in these events along with FBLA members from the North Jersey region.

Students who place in the top ten at the regional level advance to the FBLA State Competition to be held in March 2017 in Atlantic City, NJ. This year's regional winners representing Rutherford are Virgil Minnick and Madison Fahmy for Introduction to Business and Jillian Davis for



Pictured from left to right are Rutherford High School's FBLA winners Jillian Davis, Madison Fahmy, and Virgil Minnick. *Provided by JoAnn* Hughes. ###

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In preparation for the State Competition, these students will continue practicing and studying for the competition. They will use the knowledge they have gained from their business elective classes and expand their knowledge by studying supplementary materials. The students who place in the top two spots at the state level will earn the privilege of participating at the national level in Anaheim, California, from June 29 through July 2, 2017. Provided by JoAnn Hughes. ###

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We Need a Little Christmas Benefits Mickey's Kids

Edie's Dance Factory presented the proceeds from their benefit Christmas show "We Need A Little Christmas" to Mickey's Kids Foundation. Accepting the check is Tom Meli and therapy dogs Axel and Liberty. Edie's Dance Factory is happy to be able to assist Mickey's Kids Foundation and Canine Assistants to bring these wonderful animals to disabled children and adults in the metropolitan area. ###



At its December 14, 2016 meeting, the Meadowlands Conservation Trust presented Wood-Ridge resident, Cora LoPresti, with a Certificate of Appreciation for Environmental Stewardship in recognition of her outstanding volunteer work over the past year to help wetlands and wildlife in the Meadowlands. Cora's efforts helped her earn the prestigious Girl Scout Gold Award.

Cora, now a first-year student at Rutgers University, was a Wood-Ridge High School senior in 2016 when she enlisted her fellow students and community members to build much-needed tree swallow bird boxes and organized a volunteer cleanup of the Skeetkill Creek Marsh, a critical wetlands property in Ridgefield. Cora was advised by the Meadowlands Conservation Trust on her projects. Congratulations Cora! Provided by Brian Aberback. ###



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The Rosarians recently had their Christmas Installation Dinner at the Bistro Restaurant, Moonachie. The following officers were installed by President Lorraine Joewono: Janet Drogo - Vice President, Angela Cantatore - Treasurer, Reisetta Dunn - Recording Secretary, Mary Flynn - Financial Secretary, Norma Gray - Corresponding Secretary. Special thanks to Anne Dunne for serving as nominating chairperson.

There was no meeting in January but will resume on Rosary Communion Sunday, February 5, 2017, at the 10 a.m. Mass followed by the regular meeting after Mass in the school cafeteria.

Any ladies of the St. Joseph Church (*East Rutherford*) Parish are welcome and encouraged to join. They are planning their annual fish & chips dinner to be held Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017. *Provided by Reisetta Dunn.* ###



The Carlstadt Friendship Club finished out 2016 attending two free concerts at the bergenPac with tickets provided to us by the Arts Access Program.

First was Melissa Etheridge's Holiday Trio where she performed songs from her holiday album. Wow. She is a real guitar virtuoso. Her loyal and enthusiastic fan base was out in full force that night.

The second show in December was much anticipated by our members. It was a full house wanting to hear and see Kenny Rogers in The Gambler's Last Deal which featured an all-new show. It is probably his last tour and it was great. Through photos and his personal reminiscences, we were able to witness the evolution of this great country singer. What a wonderful way for us to conclude our first year in this exciting program. *Provided by Joanne Kearney*. ###



Wood-Ridge Girl Scout Tree Lighting

The Wood-Ridge Girl Scout Tree Lighting Ceremony was held on Sunday, December 4, 2016. Girl Scout Troop 95524 collected new, unwrapped toys, and donated them to Toys for Tots, care of the Wood-Ridge Police Department.

The girls practiced their public speaking skill and addressed the enthusiastic crowd. Eco-friendly ornaments made by Troop 95524 were hung on the tree with the help of those Girl Scouts present. They also hung festive hand made decorations in the Civic Center. There were craft and game stations to keep the girls entertained. **Kearny Bank** sponsored a hot chocolate and snack table, along with a goodie bag which was handed out by our special visitor, Santa Claus! Fun was had by all. *Provided by Kimberly Lange*. ###



Santa going down the chimney to bring toys to good little Boys and Girls! Escorted by the Little Ferry Hose Co. 1 **Operation Santa route!** *Provided by Little Ferry Fire Department.* ###



MFD Delivers Toys

Members of Moonachie FD delivered toys to the Closter Firehouse to assist with the PBA toy drive. Members of the Department decided to pay it forward this year and donate \$1,000 of toys to the toy drive.

The toys were distributed by the National Guard and members of the police community to children who were in hospitals. Members of Moonachie Police Department also donated toys and gave MFD an escort to the drop off. *Provided by the Moonachie Fire Department.* ###

Students Learn About Japanese Culture

On January 12, 2017, the students of Felician School for Exceptional Children experienced the Japanese culture. They learned how to use chop

sticks while dining on rice and vegetables. They enjoyed tea and fortune cookies during a tea ceremony.

They studied the history

of Shinto and Buddhism and Japanese art. Japanese music was demonstrated by staff member, Barbara Giaquinto.

The students had a chance to try the musical instruments.

The students researched the history of Japan and made

posters and displays reflecting their research. The program was presented by Mary Anne Protzo. ###





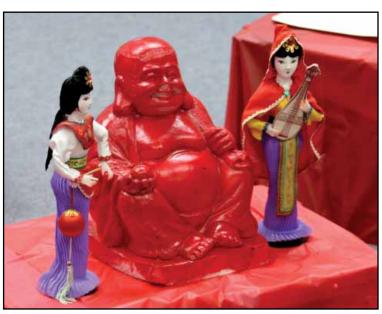
















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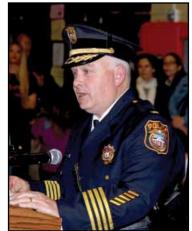
Beginning with a Hip-Hop program in the summer of 2015, (made possible by a grant from The Provident Bank Foundation) and extending through the present time, Felician School has been partnering with the bergenPAC through their "Artists in Residence" program.

Hip-Hop, Musical Theatre and Rock Band have been the genres of choice in bringing outside artistic talent to our students. This program brings enrichment to Felician's arts education and pushes the envelope of what our students are exposed to in terms of the depth of exploration, creativity and self-expression through these three genres. This program is funded by a grant from The Provident Bank Foundation and each scheduled week, students express their excitement as they look forward to being taught by Miss Purple, Miss Katherine and Miss Sam. Past artists

have been skilled DJ's, break dancers, and beat boxers. On top of all the in-house learning, the students have been invited to perform at the bergenPAC theatre as a cooperative venture with thirteen other private schools! This is an exciting opportunity to perform at a large "real" theatrical venue. This program will be held on March 12, 2017 at 2 p.m. Come out and share our joy! *Provided by Barbara Giaquinto* ###

















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

On January 12, 2017, 5th Grade students from Hasbrouck Heights Euclid and Lincoln Schools participated in the 28th 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, Jamie Zee, Euclid School, chael Colaneri, and Principals Isabella Hernandez read their and a DJ. ###

and Brianna Molina, Lincoln Mr. Colangelo and Mr. Sickels. School, made welcoming remarks.

In unison, the 5th Graders spoke their rights. Comments were made by Mayor Jack De-Lorenzo, HH Police Chief Mi-

The 5th Grade students provided a musical presenta-

Darien Baez, Mia Colaneri, Rylie Kearns, Tulsi Patel, Morgan Gagliano, Aaron Pena and winning essays and were presented with gifts. Certificates were presented to the students.

D/Sgt. Alan Baker provided concluding remarks.

Students were then treated to a party with refreshments



On January 10, 2017, members of the Faust School Elective Band and Choir from East Rutherford entertained the community's Senior Citizens at their monthly meeting. Under the direction of Jeff and Diann Schweikardt, 140 students participated in this performance, which has become an annual tradition.

Some of the selections performed by the band were "Music from Brave" and "Carol of the Bells." The choir performed a few winter themed selections along with "What a Wonderful World" and "It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year." A great time was had by the audience and all who performed. Provided by Jessica Gerity. ###

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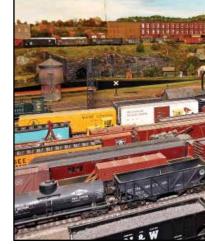


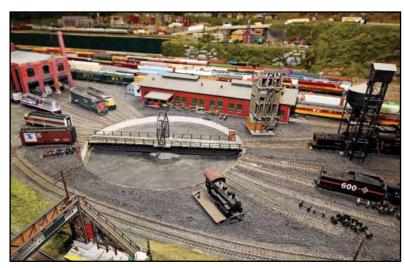




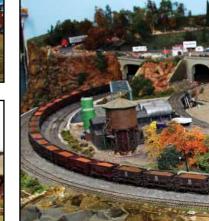












The excitement and "Romance of Railroads," and the enjoyment of building and displaying model trains has kept the Society of Model Engineers going for over ninety years.

The Society is a nonprofit historical and educational organization founded in 1926. It is the oldest model railroad club in the United States. The membership, all volunteers, have joined together in the common interest of preserving the historical significance of American Railroads through models and in multiple scales.

memorabilia.

History Their past membership reads like the Who's Who in model railroading.... Alexander, Ickens, Vanderbilt, Walthers. The first president and four founding members of the NMRA (National Model Railroad Association.)

These five authors provided articles in the first edition of Model Railroader. John J. Astor was also a notable past member to have graced the Society history. The Society set model railroading standards, which were eventually adopted by the NMRA, and became the basic standards for the hobby in all the scales.

The NYSME has had many different modeling divisions over the years. The Society built maritime models, which for the longest time was their largest division. They even sponsored boat races in New York City's Central Park. There were also divisions for stationary steam engines, trolleys, boats, live steam engines, gas powered race cars, airplanes, and of course trains,

It's been a long time since they moved out of New York City ... first on the eighth floor of the Times Square Building, and then in the basement. In 1926, it was known as the Knickerbocker Building, owned by John J. Astor, who was one of their founding members.

Next they moved to the Science Building, 51 W. 35th Street in Manhattan, right across from the Empire State Building.

In 1945, The Lackawanna Railroad discontinued some of their ferry service after World War II, and they were able to secure the upper ferry concourse at

Hoboken Terminal, today's New Jersey Transit Terminal.

At that time their membership was into widely diverse types of model building.

The first president was involved in building stationary steam models. Club divisions included boats (both steam and sail), all different types of airplanes, even seven piston rotary motors, gliders, and rip line airplane models, model racing cars, live steam locomotives in a multitude of track gauges ... and then there were the model trains.

The model trains included a division of trolley cars both quarter-inch and standard gauge, and then there was "0" scale with the big question of whether they were going to be 17/64 or quarter-inch scale with the 1.25" track gauge.

The quarter-inch won out. Then entered the "00" scale. Next the "HO" scale made their emergence, along with the littleknown "TT" scale.

In 1946, they crossed the Hudson River to Hoboken, in the Lackawanna Railroad Terminal. The terms of the lease were:

1) They had to model the

Lackawanna Railroad from Hoboken to Scranton, Pennsylvania, and,

2) They had to build two prototype trains of the Phoebe Snow, accomplished by the world-famous Joe Fisher. The motor power was that of an F-3 A-B-A combination ... one being All Nation and the other manufactured by E. P. Alexander.

This model train was the prototype before the actual train was put into service on the Lackawanna Railroad. The model railroad size was 40' by 100'.

At the Lackawanna Terminal they built the largest model railroad in the world at that time.

After 10 years, in 1958, the Society was asked to move again, this time by the United States Postal Service. The concourse was going to serve as a mail sorting area. The US Postal Department wanted the space for sorting mail. The Club was given three months to move out.

At this transition, it was reported that train buff Walt Disney, wanted to buy the layout, but it never came together.

But after the railroads were

dismantled, the USPS decided to let the airlines handle first class mail.

The concourse was never occupied and they were invited to move back. By this time they moved to Carlstadt where they purchased their present home. (The membership decided to purchase a building, as a club in Atlanta, Georgia had done.)

So, in the 30 years that they were in existence, they were forced to move five times.

Carlstadt Facility

The building in Carlstadt was renovated and made ready for housing a model railroad club. A workshop was built which included lathes, milling machines, drill presses, band saws, a table saw, and a spray

They also began a library, to archive model railroading and

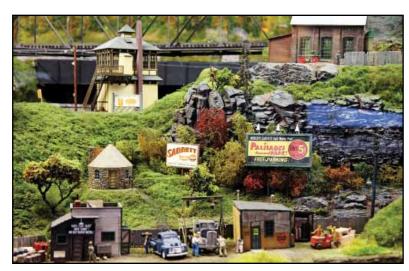
And they also began two new layouts, one in "O" scale the other in "HO."

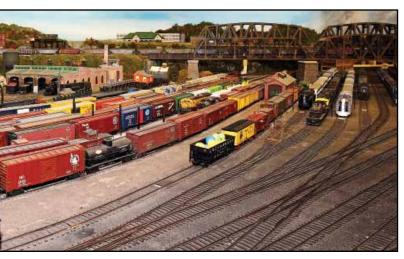
The members have a devoted love of trains and have joined together to operate a train museum and two large "Railroad

ilroad Tableaus Displayed



















Empires."

The "Empires," the model train layouts and exhibition area cover almost 5,000 square feet.

Model trains operate on both layouts. Many of the models are one of a kind and were handmade by Society members. Trains of all types, passenger, freight, circus trains, and of course Thomas for the kids operate on schedules controlled by club members.

The members claim that the only exception to real railroad operation is they operate "On time, all the time!"

HO Railroad

The "HO" Scale railroad is known as the Union, Hoboken and Overland Layout is approximately 30 x 45 feet. It is fully scenic with miles of scale track, bridges and tunnels, towns and villages, farms and factories, rivers and lakes, passenger stations and rural crossings, all inspired by the landscape of northern New Jersey.

Over 50,000 miniature trees have been installed by the members to depict northern New Jersey

The railroad went through three revisions and was totally ripped out in 1985. The new railroad is designed to be a walk around layout.

The "HO" layout is actually two layouts.

The two track "Main Line" operates just like a real Class One Railroad. It has a complete signal system with Centralized Train Control. The "Branch Line" is where the day-to-day work of a railroad is done. This is the place for short trains, 15 to 20 car local freights and three car local passenger trains.

A large freight yard was also constructed and includes an operating hump yard for sorting out cars.

Almost all of the trackage is hand laid. This is especially true of all the turnouts, double crossovers, crossings and special track work like curve turnouts coming out of curves. Track is code 83 rail on wooden ties. There are 237 switches all powered by Tortoise motors. Overall the railroad is about 5.5 scale miles. Their most recent improvements to the UH & O include a prototypical signaling

system, the addition of digital control system (DCC) for the entire railroad and installation of an interlocking connecting the main line, branch and flat yard.

The layout uses the N.C.E. digital command control system. This system allows independent control of all locomotives on the layout. It also allows control of track switches by the dispatcher through the control panel or by individual operators using hand held controllers in and around the layout.

O Scale Railroad

The larger "O" Scale layout is 40 by 70 feet and has almost 20 scale miles of train track. It features a detailed scenic diorama with realistic track work, roads, interesting structures, bridges, and tunnels.

The "O" Scale railroad is known as the Union Connecting. Its design is based on the Erie Railroad between Jersey City and Port Jervis.

The railroad features a fourtrack main line, which splits and comes back together at Ridgewood Junction. The layout has two passing sidings, a large freight and coach yard, a branch line, and an operating trolley system.

Track on the O scale layout is also hand laid; there are also 28 double slip switches, 200 turnouts, and over 17 scale miles of track.

Current projects on the railroad include a replacement of all control panels, installation of a signaling system, improving scenery, replacing the trolley system overhead wire, and expansion of the Port Jervis yard.

Their hobby is constantly changing. New and better products are being developed as can be seen in the equipment that is being run on both railroads.

As an example, check out the sounds that are coming from the "HO" equipment.

Railroad Memorabilia

Also on display is a collection of historic railroad memorabilia to include the world's largest display of illuminated tail signs.

These are signs that hung from the Observation Cars, that ran at the end of many famous passenger trains.

The Pennsylvania "Broadway Limited," the New York Central "20th Century Limited" and the Lackawanna "Phoebe Snow" are only a few of the many tail signs in the collection.

The collection also includes a large number of railroad lanterns, steam locomotive bells and whistles, railroad photos and other railroad items.

Public Invited

Exhibitions are held several times a year at the Society's headquarters and museum located at 341 Hoboken Road, Carlstadt, NJ.

For additional information call 201-939-9212 or go to the www.ModeIEngineers.org. or at Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/modelengineers/

Also search "NYSME" at YouTube for video. ###

The next exhibition is scheduled for March 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 and 26, 2017 from 1 to 6 p.m. Donations are adults: \$7, children 5 to 11, \$1 and under four free.



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

Wood-Ridge 2017 Reorganization Meeting

On January 1, 2017, at nounced. about 2 p.m., the Borough of Wood-Ridge held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the attending Cub Scout Pack 183, with an Invocation by Father Richard J. Mucowski, O.F.M., Assumption Church.

The results of the November 2016 election were an-

The Oath of Office was administered to Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy by Patricia Cassidy Daly and Councilman Joseph DiMaro by Mayor Paul Sarlo. Councilman Dominick Azzolini 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. Mayor and Council standing committees and liaison to **Boards and Commissions were** made.

The Mayor made his appointments to include: Board of Heallth, Library Board, Plan-

ning Board, Recreation Commission. Shade Tree, Veterans, and Events Commissions.

A consent agenda was aproved. Resolutions were adopted. additional appointments were made to include Prosecutor Ronald Dario, Esq., Public Defender Mark Musella, Esq., TANAC Gina Affuso, etc.

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. ###



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

Little Ferry 2017 Reorganization Meeting

Following a Sine Die meeting on January 6, 2017, at 6:30 p.m., the Borough of Little Ferry held a reorganization meeting. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and Invocation given by Rev. Paul Bruno of Evangel Christian Church.

The results of the November 2016 election were announced.

The Oath of Office was administered by NJ State Senator Paul A. Sarlo to Councilman Steve Lanum and Councilman Thomas Sarlo, By-laws for 2017 were adopted.

Henriquez, who is the longest-serving councilwoman in Bergen County and has served on the Little Ferry Council for 30 years, was elected as council president in a unanimous vote.

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

They included Treasurer Paula Cozzarelli, Borough Engineer Job & Job, Borough Auditor Dieter Lerch, Bonding Attorney McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, Financial Advisor - Phoenix Advisors, Code Enforcement Officer Gino Tessaro, Fire Official William Holley, etc. A complete list is available at the Borough Clerk's Office.

The Mayor made Coun-

cil committee assignments. There was a presentation of the Badge to Police Commissioner Thomas Sarlo.

Consent Agenda resolutions were voted upon.

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

A resolution naming the softball field "The Shannon Dalton Forde Field was approved and the resolution was presented to the family.

There was the swearing in of First Aid Corps officers.

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

The Benediction was given by Rev. Paul Bruno. The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. ###



(l-r) Councilman Antonio Cirillo, Councilwoman Kathleen Kinsella, Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Councilman Robert J. Bauer Sr., Councilman Manuel Martinez and Councilman Bruce Surak. Not shown: Councilwoman Lucille Millar.

Moonachie 2017 Reorganization Meeting

On January 7, 2017, at ing was called to order, folnoon, the Borough of Moonachie held a brief reorganization meeting at the Kathryn E. Flynn Civic Center.

The Oath of Office was given to Councilman Robert J. Bauer, Sr. and Councilwoman Kathleen M. Kinsella.

The reorganization meet-

lowed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 2017 meetings. DeCotiis, Fitzpatrick & Cole was appointed for services in connection with the issuance of bonds and notes and Millennium Strategies for services as grant writer.

Mayor Vaccaro made appointments with confirmation by the Council to include: Borough Administrator Anthony Ciannamea, Prosecutor Linda H. Schwager, Public Defender Mark Musella, Property Maintenance Official William G. Hunt Jr., 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 2017 were assigned. ###



l-r: Councilman David Gonzalez, Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Councilwoman Pamela J. Link, Councilwoman-Elect Josephine Cioccia, Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, Councilman Justin A. DiPisa, Councilman Russell A. Lipari and Councilman Peter Traina III, Councilman-Elect Ron Kistner

Hasbrouck Heights 2017 Reorganization Meeting

On January 3, 2017, at about 6 p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2016 business.

Upon conclusion, the Hasbrouck Heights reorganization meeting began with Mayor John DeLorenzo, administering the Oath of Office to

Josephine Ciocia. Mayor of Allendale, Elizabeth White, administered the Oath of Office to Councilman Ron Kistner.

The Mayor and Council presented plaques to out-going Council persons Sonya Buckman and David Gonzalez.

There was a Salute to the

Flag. Thomas Mason led the singing of "God Bless America," and an Invocation was given by Reverend Patrick M. Mulewski, Pastor of Corpus Christi R.C. Church.

There was an announcement of council assignments, consent agenda.

Councilman Justin A. DiPisa was appointed as Council President: Councilman Russell Lipari as Planning Board representative. Mayor DeLorenzo made his appointments. Council members made their comments.

Reverend Mulewski 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 ###

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l-r: Councilman Robert Zimmerman, Councilman David Stoltz, Councilman Richard Bartlett, Mayor Craig Lahullier, Borough Clerk Claire Foy, Councilman James Lenoy, Councilman Joseph Emerson, and Councilman William Shockley.

Carlstadt 2017 Reorganization Meeting

12:30 p.m., the Carlstadt Mayor and Council held a Sine Die Meeting to conclude 2016 business, followed by their 2017 Reorganization meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance

On January 1, 2017, at was made, followed by the Invocation shared by Rev. Donald Pitches, Pastor, Carlstadt First Presbyterian Church.

> The Oath of Office was administered to Councilmen David Stoltz and Richard Bartlett.

elected officials. The Council President is Joseph Emerson. The Mayor gave his Annual Message. Consent agenda was approved. The Mayor made appointments and selection of

Badges were presented to standing committees. There was a resolution on 2017 salaries, followed by hearing of citizens. Presentations and comments were made, followed by Benediction.

The meeting was ad-

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



l-r: Councilman Mark Goldsack. Frank Nunziato, Councilwoman Stephanie McGowan, Mayor Joseph DeSalvo, Jr., Councilwoman Carolyn Smith, Councilman Sean Walker, and Councilman Thomas Mullahey.

Rutherford 2017 Reorganization Meeting

p.m., a Sine Die Meeting was held to conclude 2016 business.

The year 2017 began with Mayor Joseph DeSalvo, Jr. calling the Reorganization

On January 1, 2017, at 3 meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Mark Goldsack and Thomas Mullahey were administered the Oath of Office. Upon seating, they gave their remarks.

> The Invocation and Benediction were given by Rev.

Peter Wilkinson, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church of Rutherford, followed by the Salute to the Flag.

Councilman Frank Nunziato was elected as Council President. Mayor DeSalvo

appointed the Council committee liaison assignments. The Mayor made appointments with confirmation by the Council. Mayor DeSalvo made his remarks. There were presentations. The consent agenda was approved. The Borough Clerk's Office has the complete list of all appointments and committees. ###

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l-r: Councilman George Cronk, Councilman Jeffrey Lahullier, Councilman Saverio Stallone, Councilman Edward C.Ravettine, Mayor James L. Cassella, Councilman Phil Sorbera, Assemblyman Gary Schaer and Congressman Bill Pascrell. Not shown: Councilman George Perry Jr.

East Rutherford 2017 Reorganization Meeting

The Sine Die Meeting of the East Rutherford Mayor and Council was held Tuesday, December 27, 2016 at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers to conclude

2016 business.

On January 1, 2017, at 10 a.m., the year began with administering the Oath of Office to George Cronk and Philip Sorbera. There was a Salute to

tion.

The Edward C. Ravettine was selected as Council President. Crossing Guards were appointed for 2017. Resolu-

the Flag, roll call, and Invocations 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. ###

Excerpts of the Mayor's Annual Message below.

Selected excerpts from East Rutherford Mayor James L. Cassella's Annual Address

Welcome to all of you on this first day of 2017. I welcome Councilman George Cronk and Councilman Phil Sorbera to the East Rutherford Governing Body. I look forward to working with them and with so many important decisions that will have to be made in 2017 that could affect East Rutherford for many years, my hope is that the decisions coming from this council are based solely on what is best for East Rutherford and its residents.

As we begin 2017 I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge long time Councilman Joel Brizzi and Councilman Michael Homaychak.

Councilman Brizzi dedicated 21 years to the people of East Rutherford. I do not think there has been a harder working councilman.

Councilman Homaychak served one term on the council following 12 years on the East Rutherford Board of Education.

I thank them both for their vice and wish them both good luck in the future.

Earlier in 2016, we received a letter from Police Chief Larry Minda, that after 40 years as a member of the East Rutherford Police Department he was retiring at the end of the year; however a few days ago he agreed to stay on for another three to six months to help us through the process of selecting a new police chief.

His staying on for another few months, he will be leaving in 2017, exemplifies his dedication and commitment to the people of East Rutherford. His time with the East Rutherford Police Department has always been more than just a job for him, it has been his life. It has always been about our community and the people who live and work here.

He goes above and beyond what is expected of a police officer and, especially, a police chief. He volunteered his services for so much; established a tennis program; started our DARE program; created our Substance Abuse Awareness Committee; was heavily involved with our National Night Out Program; was at almost every ceremony held in town; created a positive relationship with the NJ State Police; the list goes on and on.

His pending retirement in 2017 will leave a void that will be tough to fill. On behalf of all our citizens I thank him for his service and wish him well in his remaining months here and in his retirement.

Also, retiring in 2016, long time police officer, Marino Rotondo. He served as our traffic officer, doing an outstanding job. I wish Officer Rotondo a great retirement of health and happiness.

With 2016 behind us, we now face 2017 with a number of issues that will greatly affect the future of East Rutherford.

As far as the American Dream project, the financial agreements have been agreed upon; however, we will no longer be issuing any bonds as part of our agreement. If it is built, our revenue will be substantial. The only question that remains is whether this is ever going to happen but that is entirely up to the developer and their investors. I would hope that we will have the answer sometime in 2017 but with this project I would not be sure of anything and quite frankly,

there are other issues that we are facing that could have more of an effect on East Rutherford than what happens with the American Dream project.

Probably the two most important issues facing us are the selection of a new police chief and the affordable housing debacle that was created by the people in Trenton and our judges but we will have to deal with it. It is a mess with a court decision looming.

The selection of the police chief is of utmost importance to the future of East Rutherford for it will have long term consequences; good or bad.

The good news is that we have four capable candidates to choose our Chief and possibly, Deputy Chief from.

As far as the affordable housing issue, the Courts are once again going to dictate because once again the people in Trenton refuse to take action. For us in East Rutherford whether we want it or not we will have very little control

An example of controlling what is built by designating and approving a redevelopment area, is the area we designated jointly with the NJ Meadowlands Commission along the east side of Route 17 and Paterson Plank Road, which allowed us to be able to take a super fund site and create a successful project that includes major retailers like Lowes and Starbucks. And just as important as to what was developed, a viable redevelopment plan also gave us the ability to be able to stop 400 residential units because residential was never permitted in that area. Although selecting a new police chief and

affordable housing are the most pressing issues they are not the only ones we are facing in 2017.

We are facing a number of tax appeals which could reduce our tax base significantly; the Federal Reserve Bank appeal being the most significant. Any loss in ratables will result in an increase in our tax rate even if our expenses do not increase.

If we continue to object to pretty much every type of development and do not bring in new ratables to offset our losses from these tax appeals then those of us who own homes in East Rutherford will pay more to live here. With the increase in pensions; insurance, salaries, adding more employees plus just normal increases in expenses added to the loss of ratables, stabilizing our property taxes becomes that much tougher.

Making it even tougher for us in 2017 is the reduction in revenue in 2016 from our hotel tax and the courts plus the Meadowlands Authority not paying us the full amount of what is owed us through the tax sharing formula; an amount of almost \$100,000.

Adding to these financial issues is our debt. Right now our debt is much higher than it should be and we need to recognize this going forward whether American Dream happens or if it doesn't.

There is no doubt that the major contributors causing the financial problems are high pension payment obligations, insurance, and debt, along with the loss of ratables either from appeals or businesses leaving which result in a loss of revenue reducing our cash flow.

There also are a number of

law suits that are ongoing and there is a possibility that we may have to adjust our sewer rates in the near future.

As always I thank our employees who do an outstanding job serving the people of East Rutherford. Chief Minda, acting DPW superintendent Paul DeRosa, I commend them for the outstanding job that they do overseeing our two largest departments. And of course Danielle Lorenc and her staff, to all our staff at borough hall --thank you.

Thank you to all our volunteers who are the backbone of any community serving on boards, coaching teams, serving on committees like Access For All, etc.

Those serving as members of our East Rutherford Fire Department and EMS dedicate so much of their time to protecting and serving the people of East Rutherford. We thank them and their families for their service. I thank Fire Chief Michael Felten for the fine job overseeing our fire department in 2016 and congratulate our 2017 Fire Chief Michael Falco along with assistant chiefs Junior Joseph, David Alberta and Kevin Felten.

To all of our Veterans, thank for your service to our country and for being a major part of our community.

As I look back at 2016 I cannot help but think of the people we lost. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families. They will be missed.

To all our employees, volunteers, residents of East Rutherford, our home, have a Happy and a Healthy New Year, God Bless You---Thank you. ###

The Jerseymen at Gettysburg

Part 7 of 7

After the defeat of the Confederate attack on July 3, 1863, the battlefield became relatively quiet. Only a few shots, from the opposing picket lines, were exchanged.

July 4 found both sides attending to the wounded, burying the dead and picking up equipment from the field.

That night, Confederate forces started their retreat back to Virginia. The First New Jersey Brigade of the VI Corps would lead the pursuit of Lee's Army.

The defeat of the Confederate Army at Gettysburg, ended any hope that the South could win their independence.

Lodi VFW Needs HVAC

The Lodi Memorial Post 5082 has been open since 1945. They have a variety of members that range from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Unfortunately, their HVAC unit of 35+ years gave out during the winter. Their Post is without heat and is facing the decision of closing down after 71 years.

They are seeking the public's help to help offset the cost of replacing the unit, which was quoted over 15K and, with crane, might be over 20K.

They are a non-profit organization in dire need of help. Please help Veterans continue having a home where they can congregate.

They have created a Go-FundMe: https://www.gofund-me.com/save-the-lodi-vfw-post-5082

They are open to any kind of donations. Send check to VFW Post 5082, 163 Union Street, Lodi 07644. For more information, call 973-779-9194. ###

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 (except July and August) at VFW Post 809, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ.

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

For additional information call Commander Ignazio Valente at 201-421-5922 or email: davchap15@yahoo.com ###

The war would last almost two more years, but the South would never again advance this far north. All of the battles would be defensive in nature for the Confederacy after this battle.

Total killed, wounded, captured/missing for both sides, came to over fifty thousand. This was about one in four of all the troops present.

Unlike today's military, there were no decorations, other than the Medal of Honor, for gallantry or merit.

However, officers were recognized with a brevet promotion. A brevet rank was a temporary or honorary promotion. This was given for gallant actions or meritorious service.

By the end of the war, the stars fell on New Jersey officers that had served at Gettysburg. Col. Francine, 7th NJ, posthumously awarded brevet Brigadier General for his valor at Gettysburg. Col. McAllister of the 11th NJ, would end the war as a brevet Brigadier General, Col. John Ramsey, of the 8th NJ, brevet Brigadier General, Col. Penrose of the 15th, brevet Brigadier General, Col. Burling, commanded the Second New Jersey Brigade at Gettysburg, brevet Brigadier General, Col. Carman, 13th NJ, brevet Brigadier General, Capt. Frederick Harris, 13th NJ, brevet Brigadier General, Col. Sewel, 5th NJ, brevet Major General.

The following officers were also brevetted: Capt. A. Judson Clark, Battery B, 1st NJ Art., brevet Major, 1st Lt. Schoonover, 11th NJ, brevet Colonel.

Although no Medals of Honor were awarded to Jerseymen at Gettysburg, the state is credited with thirty-five awarded during the war.

BC Provides Transportation for Veterans

The Bergen County Board of Chosen Freeholders has adopted a resolution to enter a contract with the NJ Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to transport county Veterans to and from medical appointments at the East Orange Veterans Hospital, according to a statement from the Freeholders.

All Bergen County Veterans are eligible to receive transportation services, which run each day. Veterans are asked to call at least 10 days in advance to schedule a trip.

For more information visit: www.co.bergen.nj.us/commtrans ###

The men who served in the Army received twenty-six, of which, twelve would be earned by 1st NJ Cavalry members.

Seven were awarded to sailors of the US Navy and two to Jerseymen of the US Marine Corps.

When the war ended, most men, as the saying went "had seen the elephant" and just wanted to go home and get on with their lives.

During the war, New Jersey supplied 75,863 men to the Union cause. Of this number, 2,782 were African Americans, who had to serve in all black regiments.

Because of the patriotism of her sons, New Jersey did not use the draft to fill her quota; that was levied by the US War Department. Whether immigrant or native born, black or white, they were all JERSEY-MEN!

Provided by Civil War Enthusiast Jim Halloran. ###

Clothing Donations Welcome

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By Thomas Marshall

Recently, at work, the manager came to speak to a worker I was with as we loaded our trucks for the day. I didn't listen in. I paid no attention because he didn't speak to me and I gave it no thought whatsoever. The manager finished speaking and walked on to other tasks.

Not too long after, another employee came over to me and asked what the manager said to that guy? I said I didn't know but the manager wasn't speaking to me so I couldn't care less. It wasn't my business so I let it be.

People enjoy wanting to know others' business. They want to know the latest on rumors and stories. I realized I don't, even in everyday conversations with people I know. I never ask them how you feel. How are the kids? How much do you make? Are you going to put in for that job? How much did you pay? If they don't bring it up I don't ask.

It is odd at times because it is noticeable during conversations. I'm not a psychopath, I just don't ask. It isn't my business and I don't want to become part of the rumor mill.

Rumors are almost always wrong and not worth the time to listen to. My father once told me believe none of what you

hear and only half of what you see. I held to that to the point where others think I'm rude. I'm not rude, I just don't care. I'm good with secrets, but no one talks to me long enough to tell me any. Well at least I'm not the "they in that's what they say." I don't spread rumors and your life is yours to do with it as you please. You can tell me about it, but I won't ask.

This month we journey back to the Revolutionary War and find out what happens, when you believe all what you see and all of what you hear.

British General Earl Cornwallis and his Army had chased General Nathaniel Greene's Army over the Dan River and out of North Carolina.

Cornwallis may have pushed the Americans out but he still had problems of his own. Chasing Greene's Army had worn out his men. He also burned many of his supply wagons and baggage to make his Army faster for the chase.

So in February 1781, he set up camp at Hillsborough, North Carolina to obtain some reinforcements and supplies.

Crossing over the Dan River had put space between Greene's Army and Cornwallis but Greene wasn't happy with a momentary reprieve. On February 17, he sent Colonel Henry Lee and his cavalry along with Colonel Andrew Pickens and his infantry back over the Dan River into North Carolina.

Pickens and Lee had around 600 men in all to face Cornwallis, but their task was only to deny needed supplies and reinforcements getting to the British Army. They didn't have to defeat it in battle.

Cornwallis called all Loyalists to his standard and many replied. One of them was Dr. John Pyle. Pyle raised over 300 Loyalists in the cause of the King and he sent a message to General Cornwallis saying he had done so. He requested an escort for him and his men to guide them to the British Army in Hillsborough.

This is odd to me because if Pyle lived in North Carolina and as far as everyone knew Greene's Army was over the River in Virginia. Why the needed escort? I don't know but Cornwallis sent out Lt. Colonel Banastre Tarleton with his 450 dragoons to find Pyle and bring him and his Loyalists to the Army.

Pickens and Lee camped just off the main road that leads from the Haw River to Hillsborough. Lee sent out scouts to monitor British activity and find a way to be disruptive.

The next morning, before dawn, a scout returned reporting that Tarleton and his men were seen and not yet over the Haw River. To capture Tarleton and his men or defeat him in battle was an opportunity they could not pass up.

Immediately they put their men on the march to surprise Tarleton. Small detachments of men ordered to conceal themselves moved forward to watch the road to Hillsborough.

The main body of troops moved to the right of the road and moved through the woods to avoid detection. Some of the reconnoitering party came back and they had a local boy with them that reported that Tarleton had not yet crossed the Haw and would not do so till the next morning.

You can't believe everything you hear though. The next morning, February 25, 1781, it was found that Tarleton had indeed crossed the Haw River.

Lee and Pickens wasted no time. They set out in pursuit using the main road. No guides were necessary, they just followed the path of destruction left by the British dragoons and infantry as they destroyed property of Patriot supporters.

From the angry women, whose houses had been wrecked, they learned that there were cavalry and about 400 infantry with two small cannon with them. Down the road the Americans went crossing over the Haw River. They

ran into another local.

He reported that Tarleton was the British Commander and he wasn't three miles down the road with his horses unsaddled. Another story, is it true?

Lee marched forward with the main column. He put the cavalry to his right somewhat concealed to hide their presence. Pickens took the militia riflemen to Lee's left and they moved ahead.

Major Rudolph was ordered to take a detachment of men and no matter what they find in front, see to it that the cannons are taken with the bayonet.

When they came to the farm where the enemy was supposed to be, they only found two British Loyalist dragoons in the farm house. That's all. These two were quickly captured. Lee put these two men in front of their column. He decided that it may be a good way to fool the enemy. Lee's dragoons wore green coats. So did the British dragoons.

Along with the British prisoners he may fool the enemy into thinking they are reinforcements from Hillsborough and allowed to come close to the enemy.

He told a sergeant that if the prisoners call out to their friends to kill them both. They marched on not knowing what to expect with stories of phantom British columns and infantry.

It was not long when two Loyalist dragoons rode up to them and reported that they were happy to see that Tarleton and his men arrived. Colonel Pyle will be glad for the escort. Lee could not believe what he was hearing. The British Loyalists actually believed he was Tarleton.

The stories were wrong. The column they were chasing was Pyle's not Tarleton's but it still is an opportunity. Lee told Pickens to keep his infantry concealed and follow the cavalry up the road. So he sent a request back with the Loyalists to have Colonel Pyle clear the road so his tired men could pass.

Lee and his men rode down the road. They saw Pyle's men on the side of the road. Lee saluted and bowed his head. He smiled as the Loyalist greeted him. He went up to Colonel Pyle and they shook hands. Lee in his memoirs said it was at this moment he wished to tell Pyle he and his men are all prisoners.

He believed no blood needed to be shed but before he could say a word, gunfire erupted from the back of the column. Captain Eggleston, who was a Patriot, asked a Loyalist which side he was on. The Loyalist answered "King George." Eggleston struck him

on the head with his sword and the fight was on.

Lee's Dragoons pulled their sabers and hacked and slashed the Loyalists who were caught completely by surprise.

Pickens' men shot them down as fast as they could. The carnage came quick.

Men fell dead from their saddles. Others bleeding, ran for their lives. They scattered in all directions.

Lee reported that he did not order a pursuit because he just wanted them to go home and out of the war. He wasn't looking to kill them all. Pyle fell to the ground bleeding from several wounds. Lee saw him on the ground and presumed he would die but he crawled to a pond and hid till he was rescued.

Pyle's Massacre, Pyle's Hacking Match or the Battle of Haw River was over. This battle had several names. The Patriots call it a victory. The British called it a massacre but that really doesn't fit a massacre.

The Loyalists were armed. They were taken by surprise that's all. Lee stated that the close proximity of the men made it difficult to stop the bloodshed.

In all, 93 men were dead on the field. Another 250 or so were wounded. The American force lost one horse killed. A patriot that was a prisoner of war being held by Pyle's men was also killed in the fight. A mistake no doubt in the close proximity of the fighting.

The British error here is simple. They should have only believed in half of what they saw. Lee and his men rode down to greet them.

They were dragoons sure. They just weren't Tarleton's. The British should have verified their identity before letting them in so close.

Dr. John Pyle survived his wounds and turned himself over to the patriots. He was released because it was noted that he treated patriots as well as Loyalists in his duties as a doctor. He would die in 1804.

Colonel Henry Lee would write down his memories of the war which include Pyle's hacking match. He did so from debtors' prison. A result of two wives and a pile of kids and some bad land deals. He would die in 1818.

Today, one book puts the battle sight under a gas station. Somewhere nearby is a mass grave which as of 1850 could be pointed out by the locals of North Carolina.

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Nutrition and Oral Health

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

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D will cause burning mouth syndrome. Symptoms of this condition include a burning mouth 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. Carbohydrate laden 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 website at www.mypyramid.gov

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Health Tip Sit Down to Eat

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



History Before the Internet

We recently had a webinar in our office that was hosted by our franchise, Real Living, a Warren Buffett affiliated company.

It was another in a series designed to boost our agents' use of Internet technologies, introducing in-house training programs to enhance their use of online research and market-

And it brought home to me - a 30+ year industry veteran - the fact that the Internet has become probably the single most powerful business tool available in real estate. It has dramatically changed how real estate sales are conducted today.

Let me offer a little perspective on things so that those of you reading can understand how it all worked way back when I started in the field.

During my first year in the business, which was in the mid-1980s, the Internet was in its infancy.

In order to see properties for sale, we didn't search listings in a computer - nobody had one then; we waited with baited breath each week for the MLS books to arrive.

The books were like fat encyclopedia volumes (another relic of the past) and you were supposed to guard them with your life. In fact, agents were sternly warned that allowing the general public access to the "Book" could result in a \$500 fine.

MLS information was sa-

cred and secret; real estate professionals of old were the exclusive custodians of that information and we held it tight to the vest so that prospective buyers and sellers had to come seek us out. Seek us out for the "WORD."

The truth is, that for literally hundreds of years real estate agents controlled basically 90% of the transaction.

As the gate keepers of information, we'd listen to what buyers were looking for and then provide them with a suggested list of homes to view; they had to rely solely on us to find them a property. OMG, have things changed since then!!

That's because, today, most of the time it's the exact opposite that occurs - buyers provide us now with a list of properties they want to be shown. Buyers are now empowered to freely look at properties at their leisure, at home, in their pajamas.

Back in the early 90s, when the World Wide Web was becoming accessible to the general public, we real estate professionals were still marketing our services and listings through classified ads in newspapers and specialized industry magazines.

For decades, classified ads had kept newspapers solvent and real estate ads made up a large share of that ad revenue.

But as newspaper publishers increased their prices for classified and display ads, real estate brokerages turned

to other, more cost-effective online service providers.

We brokers quickly figured out that online exposure was much broader and much more economical than anything the newspapers could offer.

Of course the most noticeable change brought by the Internet to real estate in general is, as I said, how people shop for a home. But today there's so much more.

Realtors are beginning to experiment with drones for giving an over-view of a street and aerial views of homes. Video is replacing 'virtual tours' because it can give a more realistic view. We use FaceTime to walk through a home with our out-of-the-area buyers. We can get documents signed on our tablets or smart phones, on and on...

And to think, back in my day, fax machines didn't exist until a few years after I started practicing real estate....

Overall, though, I see real estate agents reacting well to the increased online presence in their business, getting more involved with technology to meet changing consumer hab-

And I think that the Internet will continue to add more transparency and easier access to information about properties, agents, data and a multitude of other positive things.

In fact – my antediluvian origins, notwithstanding – I'm actually excited about these new innovations; after all, they're inevitable. There's no stopping the march of prog-

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Program includes: blood pressure assessment, body mass index measurement, diabetes risk assessment, stress management, health education and community resources. The program is sponsored by the Carlstadt Health Department in conjunction with the BC Health Department.

For more information, call 201-531-7182. ###

Moonachie: Held at the Moonachie Civic Center, 125 Moonachie Road, Moonachie, on the 1st Wednesday, 10:30-12:30 p.m. and the 3rd Wednesday, 11-1 p.m. A public health nurse provides health checks such as blood pressure, counseling, education and overall wellness checks. ###

Wood-Ridge offers free health consultations at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the first Thursday of every quarter.

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

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Cancelled Stamps Wanted

Twelve years ago, in 2004, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights started a project collecting cancelled stamps.

They came upon a letter from a Sister Ann Mary, a retired Carmelite Sister who was collecting stamps and selling them to dealers.

The money helped children at St. Benedict's Day Nursery and Infant Hospital of Georgetown, St. Vincent of the West Indies. She collected stamps until 2008.

In 2008, the AARP Chapter 418 took this project as one of their own. Kiwanis Club has since disbanded.

In August, the AARP found another organization that was collecting stamps.

After a phone call to them (Ulseth Lodge Sons of Norway NLC) in Calumet, MI, they decided to send the cancelled stamps to them. The Lodge collects and sends the stamps to a facility where they are sorted

and packaged to sell to collectors and dealers. The proceeds are donated to the Norwegian Health System to aid physically and mentally challenged children and youth.

In June 2015, the AARP Chapter 418 disbanded. The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights then took over the project.

If you would like to help the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights in collecting cancelled stamps, please trim the stamps to 1/4 inch around the stamps. Old envelopes and postcards are also being collected.

If envelopes, postcards etc., are more than 40 years old, please do not cut off the stamps, but save the whole envelope/postcard.

The stamps can be dropped off or sent to: **The Gazette Newspaper**, 343 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Or bring them to a Leisure Club meeting. ###

Singing Makes the World Go Round

Love Music and Singing and socializing with like-minded individuals?

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They recently celebrated their 85th anniversary and are seeking new members to keep the tradition vibrant.

Their repertoire includes songs with German and English lyrics and ranges from Mozart, Beethoven, Strauss to evergreens and Broadway tunes. They meet once a week, Tuesday from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., to rehearse and socialize afterwards.

If interested, please email Ingrid at: ingridanddon@verizon.net or call: 201-391-8765, eves preferred. They would love to hear from you. Check them out! ###

Health Tip Get Moving

Exercise is important, not just for weight loss but for the healthy running of your body. Do something every day to get your body moving.

This can be as simple as walking an extra block on your way to work, getting up and walking around the living room during commercials or going outside to play with your kids or dog on the weekend.

Start off small and incorporate this exercise into your daily life. As your body gets used to moving more, you can add more exercise and start a real routine.

The more you move your body, the more you can do. ###

How "February" Got Its Name

Februa (or Februatio) was an ancient purification festival held early in the springtime. This was the time when houses and buildings were cleansed and purged; and life for people was also seen as becoming cleansed and renewed.

According to Roman mythology, there was a god of the death and purification named Februus. In his honor, the Februalia festivity was held, which was a time when sacrifices are made to atone for sins. February is said to be named after this ceremonial, cleansing festival.

Thus, in this instance, the name of February is due to the Februatio celebration and not directly to the Roman god.

It is the only month that has only 28 days, but it had one extra day until the time of Julius Caesar. He took one day off to add to the month which was later named after him. According to tradition, Emperor Augustus took another day off to add to August, the month named after him. ###



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Museum Passes

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is lending free admission passes to 12 NJ and NYC museums.

Museums include the American Museum of Natural History, the Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum of New Jersey, the Museum of Modern Art, the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, Grounds for Sculpture, and Imagine That.

Each pass offers free admission for multiple guests; some passes offer additional discounts at the museum's gift shop. Passes may be borrowed by any Wood-Ridge resident, age 18 and older, with a library card in good standing.

Passes are loaned for three days and may be reserved online through The Library's website at WoodRidgeMemorialLibrary.org. For more information or to reserve a pass by phone, please call The Library at 201-438-2455. ###

East Rutherford Memorial Library announced that museum passes are available for "Imagine That!!" and Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum. For more information, stop by the front circulation desk. ###

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

Heights Satellite Recycling Drop-off

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It is available the first Saturday of every month from 7 a.m. to noon.

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 6, 13, 27

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Monday, February 20

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Tuesday, February 7, 14, 21, 28

10 a.m. Line Dancing \$1.00

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

6 p.m. Card Game Night

Wednesday, February 15, 22

10 a.m. Games, cards & coffee 2 p.m. Senior Stretch & Flex \$1.00

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Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, 23

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mahjong

2 p.m. Senior Yoga \$1.00

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

Friday, February 3, 17

10 a.m. Fun Bingo

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

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

Friday, February 10, 24

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

12 p.m. Zumba Gold \$1.00

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CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, February 1

10:30 a.m. Executive Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 8

12:30 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting



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Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome to join. Dues are \$5 per year.

Beginning January 27, 2017, for 10 weeks, there will be a balance class at the Center, sponsored by Hackensack Hospital, from noon to 2:30 p.m. All are invited to participate to improve your health.

On February 1, entertainment will be by a Sinatra impersonator, presently appearing in Atlantic City.

Special events are scheduled as follows: February 15 a Valentine Party at the center beginning at 10:30 a.m. to noon, followed by the regular meeting.

At the March 1 meeting, we will be entertained by "Meatball Johnny" which should be enjoyable and delicious.

On March 15, our anniversary party will be held at the Fiesta from noon to 4 p.m. Sign up sheets will be available at the February meetings.

On March 29, see "Mama Mia" at the Westchester Theater and on April 12 the Royal Manor will present a "Fabulous 50s" show.

Additionally, the bergen PAC offers free tickets to select shows during the month and the town provides free transportation. Come to the meetings to see what is available.

We have a wonderful entertainment program throughout the year plus very interesting and informative meetings. You don't have to stay at home wondering what to do with your day. Come join the happy seniors of Carlstadt.

Vic's Hoofers

The Ladies Auxiliary of Vic's Hoofers is a social club, not a dancing group. who meet the 1st Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Fun and games are enjoyed, and refreshments served. February 2 the SWAP card game will be played. You do not have to know how to play it, we will all learn together. Come, ladies, join us for a fun evening. Dues are \$15 per year. Call 201 933-6949.

Provided by Eleanor Costa. ###



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Lodi Senior Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, for members only. Lodi residents over the age of 55 are welcome. Membership is \$13 per year.

Every Thursday the Club opens 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with non-members welcome. Programs include: Senior Exercise 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Line Dancing 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.; Bingo 12:45 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The Club has a pool table, a shuffle board, cards, art center, a library, games, Chit-Chat and bocce (in season). Refreshments are served. For information, call during open hours at 973-472-6994. For bus, call Kim between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. ###

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. ###

Wallington AARP Chapter #4115 Welcomes Members

AARP Chapter #4115 meets on the third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center at 24 Union Boulevard in Wallington at 1:30 p.m. An informative meeting is held, followed by coffee and refreshments, after which Bingo is played. They are looking for current members to attend as well as new members from the surrounding towns to join. They look forward to greeting you. Story by Eleanor Costa. ###

Learn About the Kip Center

New members and those who wish to learn about the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, and various programs for older adults in Rutherford and surrounding communities are invited to stop in to tour the center, meet the staff and learn about the many programs and services. For more info, call Cathy 201-460-1600. ##

Moonachie Seniors 2017 Trips

We are inviting everyone to join us to see some fabulous and entertaining shows scheduled for March through July of 2017.

We will go on some trips more than once. In those cases, the luncheons, the prices and the departure times will all be the same.

On Wednesday, March 22, 2017, the Club will be going to Doolan's to see the number one Sinatra stylist, Steve Maglio, and the famous Italian-American comedian Chris Monty. The cost is \$54 per person, which includes a one hour open bar, plus extra wine hour, complete luncheon, salad, choice of three entrees, dessert, coffee/tea. Departure time is 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, April 26, the Club will go to the Staaten to see "Legends in Music." If you love Patsy Cline, Judy Garland and Neil Diamond, you will surely love this show of a lifetime, plus a comedian and dancing. The cost is \$54.50 per person, and includes the same complete luncheon as the above Doolan's trip, and departure time of 9:30 a.m.

On Wednesday, May 10, the Club will be going to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Born Yesterday." This famous comedy enjoyed one of the longest runs in Broadway history. The cost is \$57.50, which also includes a good served meal and a very tasty dessert buffet. Departure time is 9:30 a.m.

On Tuesday, June 20, the Club will go to the Staaten to see "The Heavenly Concert" -- Elvis and Patsy Cline. Elvis and Patsy give the concert of a lifetime in paradise, accompanied by the Blue Smoke Show Band, plus an all-star comedian. The cost is \$54.50 and includes the same complete luncheon as the above Staaten trip and the same 9:30 a.m. departure time.

On Thursday, July 13, the Club will be going to the Brownstone to enjoy an afternoon musical show with the Jersey Dreamers entitled "Viva Las Vegas." The cost is \$51 per person which includes a luncheon of either roast beef or chicken marsala, plus two free drinks. Departure time is 10:15 a.m.

The tour buses leave from the Moonachie Senior Center, which is right behind the Moonachie First Aid Squad on Moonachie Road. *Provided by Charles R. Pallas.* ###

Yield to Pedestrians

Senior Christmas Luncheon a Success



Seniors from Lodi, Garfield and Maywood joined the members of the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights at their Annual Christmas Luncheon. The event took place at the Venetian on December 14, 2016 and attracted more than 150 seniors. Many attended for the first time.

Club President Peter Gallo greeted all and introduced Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Jack DeLorenzo, who also extended his greeting and best wishes.

President Gallo then thanked members Marilyn deRussy and John Nesbitt for the many hours they spent in planning for the success of the luncheon. There was also someone else who helped; He made sure that the weather was picture perfect.

The menu consisted of a buffet from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. consisting of hot and cold appetizers. This was followed by pasta with vodka sauce and a salad. The entrees were a choice of roasted prime rib, Norwegian salmon, or chicken Francese. There was also unlimited beer, wine and soda. Of course, no meal would be complete without a great dessert with coffee or tea.

DJ Nick Delgiodice from the Shooting Star Productions provided the music for dancing and dining. The line dancers had a great time dancing to their familiar tunes. All who attended had a great time. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Lodi AARP #2015 Program Schedule

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Boys & Girls Club. Each meeting will have either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments.

New members are welcome. Dues are \$10 for year 2017. For membership information contact Stan at 973-779-8544.

Upcoming events:

- February 21, 2017: Regular monthly meeting. Pizza luncheon. Entertainment by Danny S. This meeting will be held at the Lodi Senior Center on Walnut St.
- March 15, 2017: Bus trip to Li Greci's Staaten for luncheon and St. Patrick's Day Show. Tickets are \$45 for members and \$53 for non-members.
- March 21, 2017: Regular monthly meeting. Cash food drive. Speaker from Senior Medicare Patrol of NJ.
- April 18, 2017: Regular monthly meeting. Speaker from Holy Name Hospital.
- May 16, 2017: Regular monthly meeting. Mother's Day Luncheon.
- May 19, 2017: Installation Luncheon & Dance. The Venetian, Garfield, NJ. *Provided by Kathleen Zalenski.* ###

East Rutherford Seniors

The East Rutherford Seniors hold their meetings on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month. Meetings are held at the Senior Civic Center, Vreeland Avenue at 1 p.m. Refreshments are served and Bingo follows each meeting. Free blood-pressure screenings on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. New members are welcome. Please contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

Caesar's - Atlantic City

The East Rutherford Seniors sponsor a bus trip to Caesar's - Atlantic City every 3rd Monday of the month. The cost is \$27 with return of \$30 slot-play. Bus leaves the CVS parking lot, Paterson Avenue, East Rutherford, at 9:30 a.m. For reservations and info, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989. All payments must be made in advance.

Valentine's Day Pizza

The East Rutherford Seniors (members only) will hold a Valentine's Day Pizza Luncheon on Tuesday, February 14 at noon. ###

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Life Members Honored at Meeting

Twenty members of the Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club were awarded Life Membership at the January 11, 2017 meeting.

Life membership status was established last year when the by laws of the Club were changed. They now state that any member 90 years old or over will no longer have to pay membership dues yet will still

be entitled to all the privileges of the Club. The change became effective January 1, 2017.

Those in attendance at the January meeting to receive their certificate were Mildred Cahill, Johanna Dziezanowski, Alice Eglow, Margaret Hillman, Concetta Malizia, Paul Mulle, Rose Mulle, Lillian Patricola, Eileen Price, Gregory Shenloogian, Lorrraine Weil

and Frank Zabransky. Those absent were Julia Berhain, Anna Corvace, Jean Ghilain, Hedwig Giangarra, Elizabeth Kress, Marion Lalko, Hilde Marchalek, and Rose Saul.

These twenty members represent only 15% of the Club's membership. A majority of the Life Members attend the Club's meetings regularly. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Leisure Club Treated to Two Programs



On January 11, 2017, the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights held its first meeting since the summer break. The seventy-one seniors who attended were treated to two great programs

First, Wood-Ridge resident, Arthur Clayton, displayed some of the many objects he has created from ordinary tin cans. Most of the cans used were soda cans. On display was an airplane, ferris wheel, merry go round, sailboat, lighthouse, stagecoach and even a religious portrait.

Arthur explained how he became interested in this hobby. He stated that some items took him two years to complete and that no other material was used to create each object.

Following his presentation, Shannon Gononsky, dietitian at CareOne at Wellington in Hackensack, addressed the group. She, aided by Simeon Ratner, presented a program about the health benefits of chocolate. She stated that dark chocolate is loaded with nutrients that can positively affect your health.

Research has shown that two servings of dark chocolate



per week cuts down the risk of heart failure, reduces the risk of cardiovascular death, lowers blood pressure, reduces stress, improves brain power, etc. The best dark chocolate to eat is one that has a 70% or higher cocoa content.

Shannon stressed that along with the nutrients come the calories and moderate amounts of sugar. For this reason, dark chocolate is best consumed in moderation.

At the meeting, members were given a 20 page pamphlet initialed "Workout to Go" which, through illustrations, suggest samples exercise routine that can help individuals stay in shape. The easy-to-follow strength, balance and flexibility exercises can be done anywhere. The pamphlets were obtained from the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

















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On January 11, 2017, The South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association honored members of the Little Ferry and Wood-Ridge Fire Departments for their response to a tragic Little Ferry house fire on August 16, 2016, in which seven of nine residents were injured or killed.

Rich Pelcher, Valor Chair, noted, "This is a great time for all our Chiefs and Ex-Chiefs, to honor our own firefighters. They honored us by the acts of courage."

Little Ferry Firefighter Ex-Chief Marty Loesner, received their Medal of Valor Award for conspicuous act of valor under hazardous conditions in which a firefighter is placed in a life threatening position to save the life of another while on the call of duty.

According to Little Ferry Battalion Chief William C. Riedel:

We received a call for a house fire with people screaming and people jumping from 2nd and 3rd floor windows. We had 6 people who had jumped and were on the ground upon

This was a fully involved structure fire with flames licking up from garages up to the

3rd floor. The 2 garage doors were blown across the street.

Firefighter Marty Loesner was on the first Engine, 306, where he manned the deck gun for the initial blitz. This was to knock down the heavy fire to obtain entry of the only means of egress in or out of the building.

To allow both search teams and hose lines to enter the building, after completing his task, Marty went to Command for further orders. He was given the detail to perform as fire ground safety officer.

Marty notified command of the situation and that he sent a crew to shut off the gas main at the curb. They had no success in shutting off the valve.

While acting as Safety Officer, Marty found the hose team trying to extinguish an open gas fire in the garage.

Marty noticed the gas meters were missing, and there was an extremely dangerous situation with free flowing gas still going into the 2nd floor where firefighters were trying to extinguish those flames and search for missing victims. PSE&G had not arrived yet.

After assessing the conditions in the garage area, he was able to see the main shut off valve under the debris.

Marty, being a plumber by trade, knew there could be a possible explosion, so he told the hose team stationed at the garage to fog vent around him, and if anything goes wrong, just open the line full tilt and get him out.

Marty was able to shut off the gas valve using a Halligan bar. The hose crew was able to extinguish the fire.

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Marty said the reason for taking such a risk was due to the bigger situation at hand, a structure that was still on fire and search crews still performing searches for a reported missing person.

He thought the last thing we needed was this building to explode with more victims being added to this catastrophic event. By doing so, Marty saved other lives.

Wood-Ridge Firefighters, Ex-Chief Tom Burniston and Dennis Kronyak Jr., were each honored with the Medal of Valor.

They were notified that a 5 year old girl was still missing and may be on the 2nd floor.

They entered the burning home, broke procedures by passing up a fire room without protection of a hose line.

They did a search and found the young girl on the 3rd floor, and quickly bought her out of the home.

Unfortunately, the little girl passed away from her injuries.

Little Ferry Captain Rob-He entered the area to shut ert Fuchs, Firefighters Rob the gas valve using a Hal- Cordasco, Dan O'Shea, Kyle O'Keeffe, Ex-Chief Frank Smith, and Robert Aitkens were honored with the Unit Medal of Valor. They performed their action together during a dangerous ladder

> This unit laddered the rear of the burning home, where there was a woman partially hanging out of the 3rd floor window with flames surround-

> As they set up the ladder, the team noticed that they were not stable enough to bring her down; she was burned and semi-conscious and tangled in curtains.

A second ladder was set up adjacent to the first ladder and the ladder team was able to bring the woman down across both ladders. She was transported to the hospital. This unit is awarded the Unit Valor for their quick thinking of using two ladders.

Little Ferry Fire Department's Hose Co.1 and Hook and Ladder Co.1 and the Wood-Ridge Fire Department were honored with a Certificate for Unit Citation of Merit "for any group that has performed in an outstanding manner or exemplary performance of duties in overcoming difficulties in the completion of a task or duty."

ABOUT:

The South Bergen Fire Chiefs' Association is a firefighter's mutual aid association comprising of 20 towns: Carlstadt, East Newark, East Rutherford, Elmwood Park, Garfield, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Moonachie, North Arlington, Nutley, Rochelle Park, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, Secaucus, South Hackensack, Wallington and Wood-Ridge, plus Box 54. ###



Little Ferry Fire Department 2017 Officers Take Oath

On Friday, December 16, 2016, The Little Ferry Mayor and Council held a special meeting for the annual reor-

ganization of the Fire Depart-

Fire Chief Michael Mickendrow read the annual report of the Fire Department. Secretary Brian W. Busico, Secretary to the Board of Fire Officers, advised the Mayor and Council of the Officers for the year 2017, and upon motion was accepted.

The Oaths of Office were administered by Fire Commissioner Ronald Anzalone.

Badges were presented to: Chief John C. Schwedhelm,

Deputy Chief William Riedel, Battalion Chief Anthony Di-Blasio, Capt. Hose Company Ryan Romero, Capt. Hook & Ladder Robert Fuchs, Lt. Hose Company Leo Morolla and Lt. Hook & Ladder Robert Aitken

Fire Commissioner Anzalone presented a plaque and Ex-Chief badge to Michael Mickendrow and the white helmet to new Fire Chief John C. Schwedhelm. ###



Carlstadt Fire Department 2017 Officers

On the evening of January 6, 2017, the Carlstadt Fire Department installed its 2017 Officers in a ceremony held in the Borough Council Chambers.

The program began with 2016 Chief Tony D'Amico receiving his Ex-Chief's Badge by Carlstadt Mayor Craig Lahullier, who congratulated the Chief on a job well done during

With Mayor Craig Lahullier presiding, the 2017 Officers took their Oaths of Office: Larry Lang. Chief Stephen Capuano, Assistant Chief Brian Cervasio, Deputy Chief Henry Riveros, Battalion Chief Tony D'Amico and President of the Board Robert Brown.

- Hook & Ladder Co. #1: Captain Steven Sass Jr., 1st Lt. Robert Ruff Jr. and 2nd Lt. Baartlomie Pachucki.
- Bergen Engine Co. #1: Captain James Schmidt, 1st Lt. Dennis Kronyak Jr., 2nd Lt.

- Working Company Engine Co. #2: Captain John Sanzari Jr., 1st Lt. T. J. Ondrof and 2nd Lt. Anthony Silleto.
- F-Troop Engine Co. #3: Captain Gary Colombo, 1st Lt. Joseph Taylor Jr. and 2nd Lt. Gene Popejoy Jr.
- Emergency Squad: Captain Joseph P. Biggy, 1st Lt. Jarrett Milligan, and 2nd Lt. Thomas J. Sabia. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

Rutherford FD Officers Installed

Rutherford Fire Department Installation of 2017 Officers was held Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 3 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

Chief of Department – Christopher Seidler; Deputy Chief – Jason Frahm; 1st Assistant Chief - Scott Koen; 2nd Assistant Chief – Robert Van Winkle; and 3rd Assistant Chief - Dennis Gentile

Truck Company #1: Captain Timothy Harris; Lt. Thomas Riser

Engine Company #2: Captain Thomas Verdino (Ex-Chief); Lt. Frank Novack

Engine Company #3: Captain Neil O'Hara (Ex-Chief); Lt. Justin Mohajer

Engine Company #4; Captain Paul T. Dansbach (Ex-Chief); Lt. Michael Carlin

Fire/Rescue Company #5: Captain Bryan Sartori; Lt. Bryan Dikun. ###



Lodi 2017 Fire Department Officers

On January 17, 2017, Mayor Emil Carafa Jr. gave the Oath of Office to the Officers of the Lodi Fire Department. They are Chief John Funk, 1st Asst. Chief Richard Dowson, 2nd Asst. Chief Ron Cannici, 3rd Asst. Chief Steven Cassiello. ###



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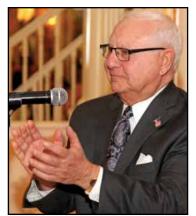
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You will be part of the "army of protection" of the South Bergen Fire Chiefs Mutual Aid Association which includes: Carlstadt, East Newark, East Rutherford, Garfield, Hasbrouck Heights, Little Ferry, Lodi, Lyndhurst, Maywood, Moonachie, North Arlington, Nutley, Rochelle Park, Rutherford, Saddle Brook, Secaucus, Wallington and Wood-Ridge



























HH Fire Department 2017 Installation Dinner

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department held its Installation Dinner for Chief Angelo Roccamo and the Department Officers at The Graycliff on Saturday, January 7, 2017.

The Department Officers were officially sworn in by Council President Justin DiPisa.

Master of Ceremonies, Chief Angelo Roccamo, acknowledged Borough Officials and visiting dignitaries who were in attendance. First Assistant Chief Robert Knobloch led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Invocation was given by former Fire Commissioner David Gonzalez. The traditional toast was given by Second Assistant Chief David Gumbrecht.

Council President Justin A. DiPisa, Fire Commissioner Russell A. Lipari and Chief Roccamo spoke.

Recognition was given to former Fire Chiefs, 25 and 30 year members; company pre-

sentations were made. The Ex-Chief's badge was pinned on Pat Hayes by his wife, Maria.

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

Floral bouquets were presented to the Chiefs' wives.

Nancy Halloran was recognized by the Department for serving 30 years as the Fire Chief's Secretary. 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. ###

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3	Berkshire Hathaway Home Svcs Merendino Realty	133	\$ 56,873,817	\$ 427,623	4.87				
4	Century 21 Eudan Realty – Hasbrouck Heights	131	\$ 44,125,481	\$ 336,836	4.80				
5	RE/MAX Property Center	61	\$ 20,101,597	\$ 329,534	2.23				
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Victoria Adamski Joins Real Living Gateway Realtors

Victoria is a lifetime Bergen County resident, born and raised in Lodi, now living in Wood-Ridge with her boyfriend, a Hackensack firefighter. A graduate of William Paterson and St. Peter's Universities, she holds a BS in biology and an MA in education. She's also a certified EMT. Licensed in real estate since 2012, she worked at two prior agencies before joining Gateway. "A good friend of mine, a Gateway agent, recommended that I make the move here. So far, I'm very glad that I did." For her part, Gateway Broker Mary Ellen Courtney observed: "Victoria has youth, enthusiasm and a strong work ethic; she seems particularly committed to the human, personal side of real estate sales. I'm certain she's going to do very well growing her business with us." Welcome aboard, Victoria!



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