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'Twas the time before Christmas, and Santa was busy listening to the secret wishes of all the girls and boys during this magical time of year. Above, Santa during the Wood-Ridge tree lighting ceremony on November 25, 2011.

# Believe

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# Christmas Trees For the Holidays

The Moonachie EMS and Rescue Squad held their Third Annual Christmas Tree Sale at their headquarters on Moonachie Road. They sold about 100 Balsam Fir (6' to 9') trees as well as wreaths and grave blankets. Proceeds are used to help maintain their operation.

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association sold Christ-

mas Trees and wreaths again this holiday season at St. John the Divine lot starting Saturday, November 26, 2011. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over twenty years. The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. ###



# TEB Community Heeds SOS Holiday Call

On Friday, December 16, 2011, hundreds of new, unwrapped gifts for children, teenagers and women were donated by the Teterboro Airport community, as part of their 18th Annual Toy Drive, to Shelter Our Sisters (Hackensack).

It was requested the children's gifts be unwrapped because "our moms" like to wrap the gifts for the children in anticipation of the "big opening."

Additionally, wrapping pa-

per, batteries for toys, personal care products, gift cards, clothing, etc., were also collected for S.O.S.

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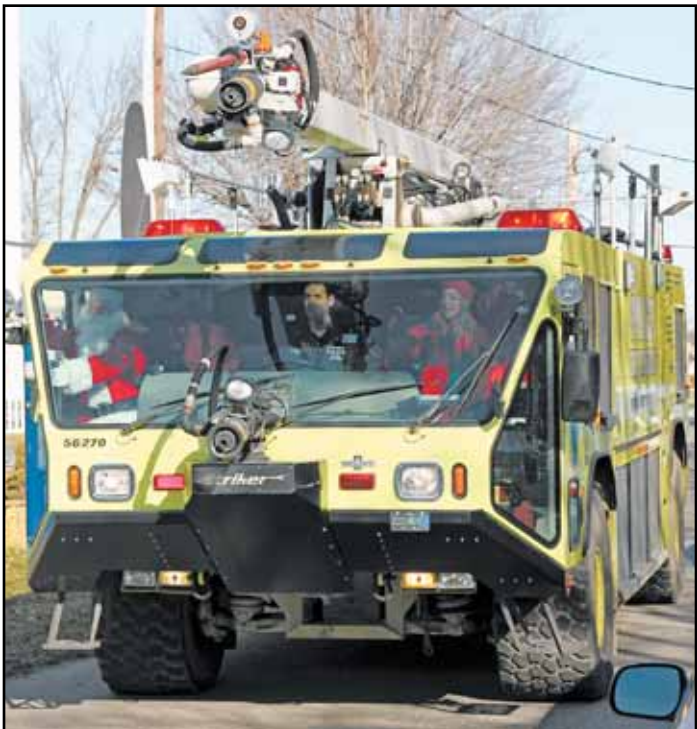
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Santa and his elf then entered the Museum and went upstairs, where parents could take photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing

the children's requests, Santa had candy and gifts for them.

After meeting Santa, families had an opportunity to tour the Museum.

The visit of Santa Claus has been presented annually for over 20 years by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum. AHOF is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport. Guided tours are available to school and community organizations. For more information, call 201-288-6344. *Special thanks to Jim Miller of NJ Chopper. ###*

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Buckshot Band Entertains at the Bianchi House

This year, the Wood-Ridge Historical Society hosted the “Buckshot Band” at the Bianchi House. The program was entitled “A Country Christmas” and was held on December 15, 2011. The selections played and sung by the three piece band included familiar country-western songs and traditional Christmas carols.

The members of the band, Tom Roberts, Dave Rinelis and Dave Frost know how to keep an audience entertained and involved. They had all hysterical with their song about going bald and had the audience laughing as all participated in singing the “Twelve Days of Christmas.” All also took an oath not to reveal the reindeer sign unless asked for it. The

band is a fabulous, professional and talented group who easily won over the audience. This program that the Historical Society presents to the residents of Wood-Ridge, was worth seeing. The society is doing a great job. Watch for their next program and be sure to attend. *Photos and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Santa Has Breakfast with the W-R Knights

The St. Anthony Council of the Knights of Columbus held their Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 11, 2011. Many children and lots of young at heart adults attended the affair. Santa arrived at 8:30 a.m. and stayed to greet all until 12:15 p.m. when he left to return to the North Pole to prepare for Christmas.

Chairman Thomas Gonnella and his steering committee did an excellent job in preparing the pancakes and sausages. This year he was assisted by Knights Donald Callahan, Brian Costa, Sal Costanzo, Antonio Cunha Jr., Peter Gallo, Ed Garrett, Anthony Jensen, Gerry Lanzerotti, Gary Lepore, Frank Materia, Ronald

Michels, Russ Petrocelli, Ed Pfeifer, Tom Reinhard, Steve Sarracino, Ed Schmidt, and Angelo (Santa) Urato. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



Heights Flower Shoppe Holds Open House -- Tea House Opens

Heights Flower Shoppe held their Open House on December 4, 2011. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with photo opportunities with Santa, music, prizes and refreshments. In addition, for a truly enjoyable experience, they just opened their Victorian Tea House Café, an 1880 Victorian setting with freshly brewed tea, scones, clotted cream, finger sandwiches and more. The Victorian Tea House Café is located on the 2nd floor of the Heights Flower Shoppe. Victorian tea parties seat from 4 to 15. Custom menu available. Call for reservations at 201-488-6651. ###



Christmas Carols on the Guitar

A presentation and performance of Christmas carols and holiday songs was presented by classical guitarist, Phillip Lester, on Sunday afternoon, December 4, 2011, at the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center. His performance included traditional carols and popular holiday songs, and also included historical anecdotal information about the composers and circumstances surrounding famous Christmas carols.

California, he began to play at the age of 12. He studied under Christopher Parkening and is influenced by such greats as Alex DeGrassi and Chet Atkins. Phillip provides distinctive music for all occasions. For more about Phillip, go to: [www.elegantguitar.com](http://www.elegantguitar.com) This Holiday event was hosted by The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. ###

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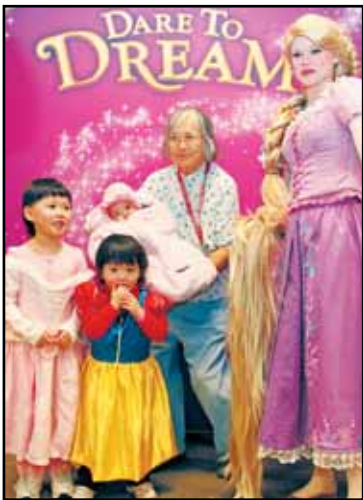
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### “Dare to Dream” Disney Princess Comes to Hasbrouck Heights Library

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights presented a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet a favorite Disney Princess as well as professional skaters from the newest Disney on Ice production -- "Dare to Dream" on Monday, November 21, 2011, at the Hasbrouck Heights Senior Center. During

this visit, children were treated to a reading of a fairytale story followed by a special meet and greet with an enchanted Disney Princess. About 125 attended. The event was hosted by The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library.###

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# Corpus Christi School Celebrates the New Year with Catholic Schools Week

For many people the New Year is the opportunity to relax after the busy holiday season. For others the New Year is rich with possibilities of a new beginning. At Corpus Christi School the New Year holds much excitement and new surprises.

School reopens on January 3, 2012, and Catholic high school registration begins on January 4. First Friday mass will be held on January 6, followed by a noon dismissal.

A Spirit Day will be held on January 11. Students will wear yellow and each donate a dollar to the Holy Childhood Association, an organization dedicated to fostering children's awareness of the missionary nature of the Church.

School will be closed on January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

On January 25, there will be a Home School Meeting at 7 p.m. As always, everyone is encouraged to attend.

The month ends with the much anticipated Catholic

Schools Week.

This year's Catholic Schools Week, "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." starts the last Sunday in January, January 29 and runs all week to February 5.

This year's theme centers on the three priorities that Catholic schools focus on that make them stand out from other educational institutions.

First, children are taught faith, not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God.

Second, academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards and help each child reach his or her potential.

Last, service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, which is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship.

Traditionally, the week is filled with activities such as Priest Appreciation Day, an awards ceremony and family fun night along with other activities that help the com-

munity, students, parents and teachers celebrate the many facets of a Catholic school education.

Open House and Registration for PreK3-Grade 8 for the 2012/2013 school year will take place on Sunday, January 29 from 11:30 to 1:00.

A second registration day will be held on Wednesday, February 1, from 9-11:00 and from 1-2:00. Classes fill quickly so parents are encouraged to use this opportunity to secure a spot for their child.

For more information about this special week, Open House and class registration requirements, call 201-288-0614. *Story by Maria Grace Billings. ###*

## Homework Club

Care on the Corner announces the Homework Club for children in grades Kindergarten – 5. Classes will be offered on Thursdays from 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; beginning February 2 (classes will not be held on school holidays).

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

The group meets at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register.

There is a \$15 registration fee. Scholarships are available. Jean R. Giarratana (NJ Certified Teacher) will be the coordinator. ###

## Moonachie School District 100 Years of Pride

(Editor's Note: In celebration of the Robert L. Craig School's 100th Anniversary, over the course of the next few issues, *The Gazette Newspaper* is providing a multi-part reflection. The following is a reflection by Barbara Zarriello, who served the district from 1966 to 2005.

### Thanks for the Memories!

I began my teaching career in 1966 in Moonachie at the James McKinney School. The school is no longer there, but the memories of my first two years there will always remain with me.

The McKinney School was a four-room building. It housed the Third and Fourth Grades. I taught the Third Grade with

Annette Sprechman and the Fourth Grade teachers were Vera Gerber and Helen Herman.

We taught in self-contained classrooms, which meant that we had no specials. We had to incorporate art and music into our schedules along with doing lunch and playground duty. It was a wonderful learning experience and the children and the parents of the community were always helpful and respectful. I will never forget my first two years at the James McKinney School. I enjoyed it so much that I continued working in Moonachie for 39 years. I taught Grades 1, 3, and 4 at R.L. Craig School until my retirement in June 2005.

Happy 100th Birthday Moonachie. ###



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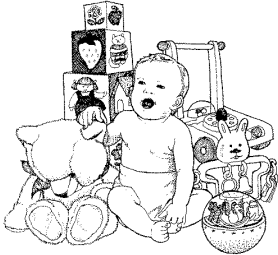
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Classes will be held each Monday night, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., for ten weeks. The final class is scheduled for Monday, May 7, 2012.

Students will learn fundamentals of sign language in Signed Exact English (EE). There is a non-refundable materials/registration fee of \$50. This includes a manual, created by the instructor and weekly handouts.

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

## Citizenship Preparation Classes Registration February 8 and 15

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

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

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

For more information about the U. S. Citizenship class, or to pre – register, please call the Care on the Corner office, at 201-288-9460. Each student must complete a registration form, accompanied with a non – refundable \$15 registration fee. Financial assistance is available. ###

## RLC Pre-K and Kindergarten Open Registration

Preschool and Kindergarten registrations are currently being held for children new to the Robert L. Craig School. Please call Mrs. Monforte at 201-641-5833 ext. 104 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to schedule a time to complete the registration process. Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2012, are eligible for Preschool. Children who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2012, are eligible for Kindergarten.

Parents are required to bring: their child, his/her birth certificate, record of immunization for D.P.T., measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B vaccine, varicella as well as all boosters, name, address, and phone number of an emergency contact.

If these records are not available at the time of registration, parents should register their child and submit complete records to the school as soon as possible. No Preschool or Kindergarten child can enter in September 2012 unless all school record requirements are complete.

Parents must also bring proofs of residency. You are required to bring originals of the following: A local tax bill or, if you rent, a signed copy of the lease, your PSE&G bill, a credit card, or telephone bill, or any other bill showing your name and address.

They look forward to your child joining the Robert L. Craig School community. ###



Sister Therese Marie Bednarczyk (left) guides Rocco Otazu in a reading lesson. Rocco was Sister Therese Marie's student during the fall reading program. Rocco and his mom appreciate how much his reading skills have improved. Photo provided by Felician Reading Center. ###

## The Felician Reading Center Announces Its Spring Program

"Felician Reading Center has been instrumental in giving my son the confidence and the motivation needed to reach his true reading potential." (Lisette Otazu, a parent whose son participated in the Fall Reading Program.)

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The Spring Reading Program will begin January 23, 2012 and end April 26, 2012.

Preliminary testing will be conducted on the following days – January 9-10-11-12 and January 16-17-18-19 at the Felician Reading Center. Testing is done by appointment. Please call Sister Mary Andrew at 973-473-7447 extension 123 to plan for your child to take

the reading test before participating in the spring reading program.

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For further information, please call Sister Mary Andrew, from Monday through Thursday, at 973-473-7447 ext. 123. ###

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# The Basics of a Home Equity Loan

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A home equity loan, often called a second mortgage, reduces your equity or ownership in your home. Since your home guarantees your loan, if you default on the payments, you can lose your home.

**Advantages and disadvantages of a home equity loan.** A lower interest rate and tax deductions are the two major advantages home equity loans have over other types of debt.

Since a home equity loan is secured by your home, it poses less risk to a lender than does a non-secured personal loan or credit cards - this lower risk is passed on to you in the form of a lower interest rate.

The second major advantage is that regardless of the way a home equity loan is used, the interest you pay on the first \$100,000 you borrow is tax deductible. Credit cards and other types of non-secured loans do not have this tax benefit. This means that if you pay \$3,000 in interest on your home equity

loan, you will reduce your taxable income by \$3,000 at the end of the year. You should consult a tax advisor about the specific tax benefits available to you.

The biggest drawback of a home equity loan is the fact that your home is on the line and you could lose your home if you default on your payments. In addition to interest you will pay on the loan, there are also costs associated with taking out a home equity loan - these costs are similar to the costs you paid when you bought your home

**Be aware of the unfavorable loan terms.** Terms to be aware of are: a pre-payment penalty, credit insurance, and interest rate increase on late payments.

**Pre-payment Penalty.** Pre-payment penalty is a one-time penalty fee paid to the lender if you pay off a home equity loan early. A pre-payment penalty provision in a home equity loan is very expensive and a penalty of 10% of the loan amount is not uncommon. This means that on a loan of \$50,000, you could pay \$5,000 if you pay off the loan early.

**Credit Insurance.** Credit insurance on a home equity loan is always optional - ask

if your loan includes credit insurance. Credit insurance can include items such as credit life insurance, disability insurance and unemployment insurance. If you do think you need credit insurance, your lender is probably not the best place to get it. Check with insurance providers and also consider alternatives such as traditional life insurance - a life insurance policy is usually a cheaper alternative to credit life insurance.

**Interest Rate Increase in Cases of Default.** A loan may have a provision for an increase in interest rates if you miss a payment or pay late. The increased interest rate will apply to the rest of the loan term. This can be a very expensive consequence if for any reason you miss a loan payment. ###

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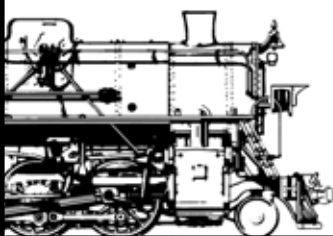
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## New Mailing Address for REACH Contributions

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

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

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

January Birthstone  
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## Michele Paci Blankets 4 Kids

October 22, 2011, marked the 7th anniversary of Michele's passing. Michele was an inspiration to so many people, especially during her battle with cancer. In her memory, the "Michele Paci Blankets 4 Kids" foundation was created. This foundation is affiliated with Tomorrows Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center.

Last year, more than 700 blankets were collected and donated to Tomorrows Children's Fund. Make this year an even greater success! Donate a store bought or hand-made blanket.

Due to children's weakened immune system, only NEW blankets can be accepted.

Your donation keeps Michele's memory alive. If you would like to donate in memory of someone you love please enclose a card with the loved one's name and it will be forwarded with the donations.

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off at: Maria Lombardi, 73 James Street, Lodi, NJ. 973-916-0042, or Margaret and Ron Lombardi, 195 St. Joseph Boulevard, Lodi, NJ. For details call 973-778-4380. ###

## Municipal Reorganization Meetings

*All reorganization meetings are open to the public.*

**Carlstadt:** Sunday, January 1, 2012, at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Hasbrouck Heights:** Sunday, January 1, 2012, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Little Ferry:** Friday, January 6, 2012, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Moonachie:** Monday, January 2, 2012 at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Wood-Ridge:** Sunday, January 1, 2012, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###



## Heights Junior Women's Club Installs Board; Presents Awards

On December 8, at Sal Anthony's Restaurant in Carlstadt, the 2012 Board of the Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club was installed and awards were handed out. Andrea Gaffney was presented with the Member of the Year Award. Serafina D'Angelo and Rosa Cappadonna were presented with the Rookie of the Year Award. Tara Eckert was given the Unsung Hero Award. The new board was installed. As pictured (l-r): Andrea Gaffney, President, Mary Blanus, 1st Vice President, Serafina D'Angelo, 3rd VP, Rosa Cappadonna, 2nd VP, Eileen Oettinger, Recording Secretary, Tara Eckert, Treasurer, and



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## Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Monday, January 9, 2012, at 2:32. It is called the "Full Wolf Moon."

According to the "Farmer's Almanac," amid the cold and deep snows of mid-winter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside Indian villages. Sometimes it was referred to as the "Old Moon," or the "Full Snow Moon," but most tribes applied that name to the next moon.

The Native American Indians of northern and eastern United States kept track of the seasons by giving a name to each recurring full Moon. European settlers followed the custom. ###

## Soup & Salad Luncheon

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will host the Third Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Burton and Hamilton Avenues. Come and enjoy a winter break with some home-made soup, salad, bread and dessert. All for only \$8.00 per person.

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Traditional Chinese Culture Seminar

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor an interactive seminar about Chinese culture. This program is presented by the community outreach division of the famous Shen Yun Performing Arts Company. This free seminar will be held in The Library’s conference room located at 320 Boulevard from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

The presentation will focus on Chinese history including a brief overview of key dynasties, classical stories and fascinating characters from Chinese literature, classical Chinese dance, musical instruments, and legends.

Based in New York, Shen Yun Performing Arts was established with the mission of reviving and sharing 5,000 years of divinely inspired Chinese culture, which had been suppressed especially during the Cultural Revolution in China. The evening promises to be a delightful and enlightening experience, just in time for Chinese New Year.

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

Afternoon Gaming

The newly established Teen Advisory Board will offer their second event on Thursday, January 12, 2012, from 3:15-4:30 p.m., at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library.

Teens who are enrolled in Grades 6-12 and attend school in Hasbrouck Heights are invited to participate in this after-school gaming event featuring Wii and other board games.

In addition to an icebreaker which will help everyone get to know each other, the Teddy Bear Rampage will be discussed and planned and there will be lots of time to just hang out.

This newly formed teen program is expected to become a monthly offering after school on the second Thursday of each month. For details, please contact Catherine Dodwell at 201-288-6653. ###



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Carlstadt YA Programs

The Carlstadt Public Library is delighted to present "Fun With Snowmen" with MR. MALCOLM of Twilight Productions on January 25, 2012, at 3:30 p.m. Come and participate in snowmen antics!! No registration is required.

YA (Young Adult) Events for 6th Grade and up: January 17, 2012, coloring & decorating winter candles. On February 14, 2012, (*Valentine's Day*) friendship bracelets are on the agenda. Make a few for yourself or for someone special. All activities are at 7 p.m. Bring a friend if you'd like. Questions? Please call Miss Nina at 201-438-8866 x203. ###

HH Teen Reader’s Club Sets Dates

Teens that are enrolled in Grades 7-12 and attend school in town are invited to participate in the Teen Reader’s Club at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library. This Club meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. and provides teens with an opportunity to talk about books, eat snacks, play games, and make new friends. They will be reading the following titles:

- January 24 – "Ship Breaker" by Paolo Bacigalupi
- February 28 – "The Rock and the River" by Kekla Magoon

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

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The workshop is free and no registration is required. Lodi Library is located at One Memorial Drive in Lodi. For more information, call 973-365-4044 or visit <http://lodi.bccls.org>

Snow date is Saturday, January 28 at 1:30 p.m. ###

Movie Matinees for Adults

Lodi Memorial Library will be showing the following films for January Wednesday Movie Matinees for Adults:

- Wednesday, January 11, 2012, from 1:30-3:30 - "Midnight in Paris." Rated PG-13.
- Wednesday, January 25th, from 1:30-3:30 - "Moneyball." Rated PG-13.

All films are free, with free popcorn and soda. ###

ASLF Holiday Party January 15, 2012

American Sokol Little Ferry holiday party will be held on Sunday, January 15, 2012, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Vitale's Restaurant in Teaneck. Cost is \$27 per person and includes a full course dinner consisting of an appetizer, pasta, salad, and entree (*choice of sirloin steak, chicken Italiano or salmon with horseradish sauce*), dessert and coffee or tea. Cash bar. Call Blanche at 973-365-1111 for reservations by January 10. ###



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It is the hope of the Sisters

that the gift of music will deepen the spirit of Christmas for all who attend as we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, known as "Little Christmas" in many countries.

There is no admission charge for this concert, but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the poor. For additional information, call 973-473-7447. ###

**Jonah Musical  
March 17, 2012**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Winter's Night  
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The Chic Charity Club will hold Winter's Night in Monte Carlo on February 11, 2012, from 7 to 11 p.m. at Il Villaggio, Carlstadt, NJ.

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**Souper Sunday**

On Sunday, January 22, 2012, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish of Wallington will be hosting "SOUPER SUNDAY" from 1:30 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the parish auditorium. Admission is \$6 and includes unlimited soup and bread, with coffee/tea and dessert. Take out is available at additional cost. Come early for the best selection of soups! ###

**HH Garden Club**

The Club is ready to begin their 2012 agenda. The January 19, 2012 meeting will be a workshop on how to make a Pine Cone Bird Feeder to take care of our fine feathered friends during the winter months. The workshop will be presented by creative Garden Member, Donna Cornelius.

All the members are looking forward to this and invite the public to join in this project. Meetings are held at the Borough Hall of Hasbrouck Heights located at 320 Boulevard, at 6:45 p.m. in The Library meeting room located on the second floor. Refreshments are served and all are welcome. For further information contact Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

**Storytelling with  
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On Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 1:30-2:30 p.m., internationally known soprano, Patricia Brady-Danzig, will read her new picture book, "Fabrizio's Fable." The story about a brave little Italian mouse will be told in English and Italian featuring the music of Fabrizio's Song. Autographed books will be available for purchase after the program. All ages are welcome and registration is not required. Lodi Library is located at One Memorial Drive in Lodi. For more information, call 973-365-4044. Snow date is January 14 at 1:30 p.m. ###

**Tips for Effective  
Meetings Workshop**

On Tuesday January 10, 2012, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Parliamentarian Leader Dan Karlan presents an interactive workshop at Lodi Memorial Library on how to run an effective meeting.

Participants will be guided through a scripted meeting using Robert's Rules with suggestions on how to resolve disputes and keep meetings on track.

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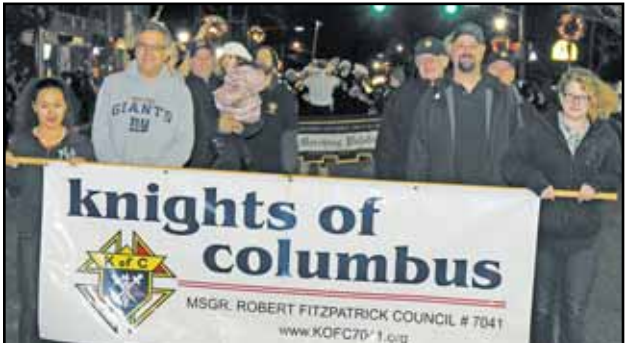
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Lodi began their 31st Annual Tree Lighting, 7:30 p.m., on December 2, 2011, with a short parade by the Lodi High School Marching Band and the Fire Department bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Municipal Complex.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Lodi Public Library Director Barb Hauck-Mah. The Invocation was given

by Rev. Timothy Ippolito, Pastor, Faith Reformed Church in Lodi.

The Lodi High School Choir sang several songs. DJ Express provided music before and after the chorales.

Santa and Mrs. Claus pulled the switch and lit the tree, then went to the Municipal Building lobby for "pictures with Santa." Gifts were presented. ###



The **Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle was held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade

on November 25, 2011. The invocation was given by Pastor Iraidia Ruiz de Porras, First United Methodist Church.

Mayor Rose Heck and the Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and led the festive gathering in the tree

lighting countdown. The Hasbrouck Heights High School Choir sang seasonal songs.

Hot chocolate and pretzels

were served. Pat Link was the program coordinator. Event was sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###





On December 3, 2011, at 7 p.m., the Tree at **Moonachie** Borough Hall was lit. After the official tree lighting, everyone went to the Moonachie Firehouse where it was delightful with hot chocolate and cookies while the Calm B4 the Storm band performed. Santa spoke with the children and gave them gifts. Everyone attending received a free tree ornament provided by The Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee. ###



The **Little Ferry** Annual Tree Lighting was held December 2, 2011 at the Borough Hall. Santa arrived on a Little Ferry Fire Department Ladder Truck, and was escorted inside where he heard the wishes of the children while parents took photos. He gave each child gifts. Just prior to the official tree lighting, the Memorial School Choir sang seasonal songs. Refreshments were served. ###



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The **Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 25, 2011, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Council led in the tree lighting countdown. The **"Special Guest"** was a huge hit with the children as he listened to their secret wishes. Refreshments were served. See front page for photos with Santa. ###



# Editor's Retrospective: *Mem*



*Aviation History Comes Alive at Teterboro Airport, October 2011*



*Mission of Honor, September, 2011*



*Persian New Year Celebrated at The Fiesta, April 2011*



*USS Ling Service, July 2011*



*Always Remember, October 2011*



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# A Christmas Story

Godwin Gabriel Pena received the "Gift of Life" this Christmas.

Godwin arrived in the United States from the Philippines in August 2011 with his mother Lenila Pena. At 11 years old, he was a walking "time bomb."

He weighed 39 pounds, his nails were blue and he couldn't walk. He suffered from Tetralogy of Fallot (TOF), a congenital heart defect which is classically understood to involve anatomical abnormalities. It is the most common cyanotic heart defect, and the most common cause of blue baby syndrome.

He was so weak, he had to gain 10 pounds before surgery,

which took place on November 1 at Montefiore Hospital in Bronx, NY.

He spent 25 days in the hospital, had many complications, was paralyzed for 14 days and was in ICU for 19 days.

He was released from the hospital November 25, and will be going home on January 4, 2012.

Godwin, full of energy and vitality, had the opportunity to meet his "Santas" during the Mid-Bergen Rotary Club Christmas luncheon on December 20, at the **Holiday Inn** in Hasbrouck Heights.

The Mid-Bergen Rotary sponsored this child through the "Gift of Life" program. They raised the \$6,000 to cover



the incidental costs. This was achieved from the proceeds of their 2010 Annual Beefsteak and Auction.

Gift of Life International

arranges for transportation. A volunteer team of medical professionals perform the necessary life-saving surgery. Mid-Bergen Rotarian Ruth Nebiar

and her husband, Fred, were the host family for Godwin and his mother during their stay in the United States. *(Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus.)* ###



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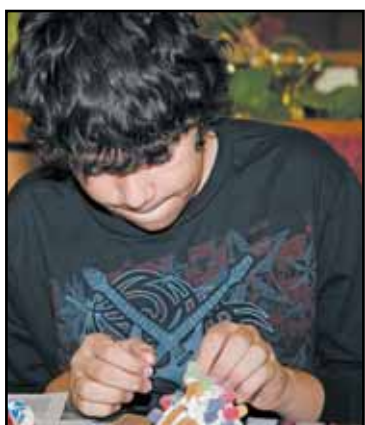
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### Gingerbread House Decorating

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### Boulevard Holiday Carnivale

Just prior to the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Parade on Friday, November 25, 2011, **Otterstedt Insurance Agency** kicked off the festivities with a free pre-parade carnivale with hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, balloon sculpting, games, prizes, dancing, etc. Hundreds of revelers had a great time. It was a nice event to start the holiday season. ###



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# Fire Departments Give “Mr. C” a Lift



With sleigh and reindeer, Santa was escorted by the **Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department** around town on Sunday, December 18, 2011, starting at Collins Avenue at 4 p.m.



The **Little Ferry Fire Department** escorted Santa around on Sunday, December 18, 2011, starting at 1 p.m.



Continuing a 75 year tradition, the **Lodi Fire Department** took Santa and Mrs. Claus for a ride around Lodi on Sunday, December 18, 2011, starting at 9 a.m. Additionally, the Department helped Santa get presents to brighten two families, whose Christmas looked bleak.

**Moonachie Fire Department** took Santa for a ride around Moonachie on Saturday, December 17, 2011, starting at 4 p.m. The Department was joined by members of the Moonachie EMS Rescue Squad.



On Saturday afternoon, December 17, 2011, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Santa was at Fire Headquarters to listen to children's requests. The **Wood-Ridge Fire Department** then took Santa for a ride around town. The Department started this tradition in 1950. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr.



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## VFW Post 4591 Holiday Party Celebrates 50th

The VFW Post 4591 went all out this year to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening of their Post Building at 513 Veterans Place, Hasbrouck Heights. The Christmas Party and Anniversary celebration was held on December 10, 2011 and was free to all members, friends and guests. Many Veterans attended in their service uniforms.

Post commander Andy Gamble thanked the capacity crowd for their support of the Veterans and acknowledged the help he had from his committee. Mayor Rose Heck and the Borough Council presented a

proclamation citing the activities of the VFW and the many uses of the VFW Hall for community functions.

A buffet dinner was served and a DJ was there to provide music for dancing. Three comedians also performed for the entertainment.

The highlight of the evening was the performance of the Victory Belles. Three talented girls dressed in red, white and blue uniforms. The girls are local residents, two from New York, Diana Cammarata and Sophia Hinshelwood and

one from New Jersey, Lara Janine. The vocal trio took all on a nostalgic journey through World War II – era musical classics. It was great to hear such hits as “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy,” “Don’t Sit Under the Apple Tree,” “Apple Blossom Time,” and “I’ll be Seeing You.”

The Victory Belles are affiliated with the National World War II Museum which is located in New Orleans. The girls posed for photos with Veterans and guests. *Photos and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



## VFW Post 809 and VVA 800 Recognize End of Vietnam War

On Friday, January 27, 2012, at 7 p.m., VFW Post 809 on Main Street in Little Ferry, will hold a ceremony recognizing the end of the Vietnam War.

Light refreshments will follow. The public is welcome.

The event is sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 800 and Post 809.

On January 15, 1973, after pressuring South Vietnam to accept the peace deal, President Nixon announced the end of offensive operations.

The Paris Peace Accords, ending the conflict, were signed on January 29, 1973 and were followed by the withdrawal of the remaining American troops.

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As the Rosary Society begins the new calendar year, appeal letters for the "Bake-less Cake Sale" will be in the mail to raise funds for the two scholarships given to Corpus Christi Eighth Grade students.

Also on the agenda is our Lasagna Dinner and Tricky Tray scheduled for Friday, March 2. We will be collecting items for the Tricky Tray, and we remind our members that in March will be collecting your donations of cleaning supplies for The Friendly Neighbors of Hasbrouck Heights.

We encourage the women of the parish to join the Rosary

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

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Reflections

Hope into Action

The Rev. Manoj Mathew Zacharia, Rector  
St. Paul's & Resurrection (Episcopal) Church, Wood-Ridge

The first of January is traditionally marked as a day of new beginnings.

With much hope, many engage in a process of formulating resolutions commiserate with goals for self improvement and advancement.

For some, the prospect of entering a new year is daunting as there is so much uncertainty.

In essence, there are many ways to approach the dawn of a new year. In light of the perspectives, what I submit to you is quite simple: we do not know what the new year has in store for us; but, why not hope and strive for the best?

In the course of a discussion on the existence of God, a friend of mine once remarked "hope is for the resigned."

Although hearing this statement made me pause for a moment, I began to engage in deep reflection about the gravity of those sentiments.

The next day, I wrote an email to this friend and replied: "hope without action is for the resigned!" Our propensity and existential longing to live and confront the challenges of life is based on the hope for the better. However, my friend was correct in saying that merely relying on the laurels of hope will get us nowhere!

In order for our hope to be more than an endless quest, we need to engage in active practices that will orient ourselves to what we hope for. While we

should hope for improvement in our lives, our community, and our nation, unless we truly reflect on the way we orient ourselves to be open for change, hope will be a mere theoretical longing rather than an avenue through which we can contribute to transformation.

Striving for the best entails two fundamental components.

The first part of the equation is hope that has been enriched by developing an orientation that is fundamentally geared towards change.

The second part of the equation entails reflectively developing a list of concrete baby steps to achieve such a transformation.

For instance, if our resolution is to read at least one book a month, the first part of the equation would enable us to determine what impedes us from reading one book a month. In making this determination and looking for possibilities, we are engaging in a contemplative orientation that moves us towards the possibility of change.

During the course of this evaluation, if we determine that one major stumbling in achieving our resolution is watching television for two hours a day, the second part of the equation points us into a logical direction wherein we would perhaps cut down the television time gradually so that we would be able to read at least a few pages a day.

While we certainly do not know what the future holds, hoping and striving for a markedly better tomorrow is better than drowning in a morass of endless self pity.

The equation of hope-orientation + reflective-action is one among a plethora of tools to encourage us to meet the goal of a better tomorrow. ###



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# Filling You In

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

## What is a Root Canal?

Underneath your tooth's outer enamel and within the dentin is an area of soft tissue called the pulp tissue. While a tooth's pulp tissue does contain nerve fibers, it is also composed of arteries, veins, lymph vessels, and connective tissue.

Each tooth's nerve enters the tooth at the very tip of its roots. From there, the nerve runs through the center of the root in small "root canals," which join up with the tooth's pulp chamber.

Root canals are very small, thin divisions that branch off from the top pulp chamber down to the tip of the root. A tooth has at least one but no more than four root canals.

## Why do I feel pain?

When the pulp becomes infected due to a deep cavity or fracture that allows bacteria to seep in, or injury due to trauma, it can die. Damaged or dead pulp causes increased blood flow and cellular activity, and pressure cannot be relieved from inside the tooth. Pain in the tooth is commonly felt when biting down, chewing on it and applying hot or cold foods and drinks.

## Why do I need root canal therapy?

Root canal therapy is necessary because the tooth will not heal by itself. Without treatment, the infection will spread, bone around the tooth will begin to degenerate and the tooth may fall out.

Pain usually worsens until one is forced to seek emergency dental attention. The only alternative is usually extraction of the tooth, which can cause surrounding teeth to shift crookedly, resulting in a bad bite. Though an extraction is cheaper, the space left behind will require an implant or a bridge, which can be more expensive than root canal therapy. If you have the choice, it's always best to keep your original teeth.

## What is a root canal procedure?

A root canal is a procedure done to save the damaged or dead pulp in the root canal of the tooth by cleaning out the diseased pulp and reshaping the canal. The canal is filled with a rubberlike substance called gutta-percha or another material to prevent recontamination of the tooth. The tooth is then permanently sealed, with possibly a post and/or a crown made of porcelain or metal

alloy. This enables patients to keep the original tooth.

## What is involved in root canal therapy?

Once your general dentist performs tests on the tooth and recommends therapy, he or she can perform the treatment or refer you to an endodontist (a pulp specialist). Treatment usually involves one to three appointments.

First, you will probably be given a local anesthetic to numb the area. A rubber sheet is then placed around the tooth to isolate it. Next, an opening is drilled from the crown into the pulp chamber, which, along with the root canal, is cleaned of all diseased pulp and reshaped.

Medication may be inserted into the area to fight bacteria. Depending on the condition of the tooth, the crown may then be sealed temporarily to guard against recontamination, the tooth may be left open to drain or the dentist may go right ahead and fill the canals.

If you're given a temporary filling, usually on the next visit it's removed and the pulp chamber and canal(s) are filled with gutta-percha or another material to prevent recontamination. If the tooth is still weak, a metal post may be inserted above the canal filling to reinforce the tooth. Once filled, the area is permanently sealed. Finally, a gold or porcelain crown is normally placed over the tooth to strengthen its structure and improve appearance.

## What are the risks and complications?

More than 95 percent of

root canal treatments are successful. However, sometimes a procedure needs to be redone due to diseased canal offshoots that went unnoticed or the fracture of a filing instrument, both of which rarely occur. Occasionally, a root canal therapy will fail altogether, marked by a return of pain.

## What happens after treatment?

Natural tissue inflammation may cause discomfort for a few days, which can be controlled by an over-the-counter analgesic. A follow-up exam can monitor tissue healing. From this point on, brush and floss regularly, avoid chewing hard foods with the treated tooth, and see your dentist regularly.

## Are there options to root canal therapy?

The only alternative to root canal therapy is to extract the tooth; however, this alone can cause the surrounding teeth to move, resulting in a bad bite. Though a simple extraction may be perceived as less expensive, the empty space left behind will require an implant or a bridge, which ultimately can be more costly than root canal therapy.

*Ref: AGD Impact 2009, Academy of General Dentistry*

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Your 2011 dog or cat license will expire on January 31, 2012. The sale of 2012 licenses will commence in January of 2012, NOT BEFORE.

No licenses will be issued prior to January 3, 2012. The municipality issuing the licenses does not have the authority to issue a license unless provided with a certification from a veterinarian showing that the animal has been inoculated for rabies. The rabies vaccine may not expire before October 31, 2012. You may renew your license by returning the necessary license fees and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Tax Assessor-Health Department, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, New Jersey 07644. Please make checks payable to Borough of Lodi.

You must include a copy of the rabies vaccination certificate and proof of spaying or neutering (*please do not send originals, for they will not be returned*).

The license and tag will be returned to you. You may also stop in at the Tax Assessor's office on the first floor of the Municipal Building, Room 103, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday-Friday only. License fees: \$8 spayed/neutered dog or cat or \$11 un-spayed/neutered.

The annual rabies clinic will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, at the Firehouse located at 99 Kennedy Drive, Lodi. The hours for the clinic will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call 973-859-7415. ###

## Notice to Wood-Ridge Dog and Cat Owners

Chapter 134 of the "Code of the Borough of Wood-Ridge" requires all dogs and cats to be licensed prior to January 31, 2012. Any person who violates the above provision and upon conviction thereof, is subject to a fine and/or a summons(es) issued, per pet.

Dog and cat licenses may be obtained at the Health Department, 85 Humboldt Street, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The license fee is \$18 for a neutered pet or \$21 per non-neutered pet.

As per New Jersey State law, rabies vaccination must be valid for the licensing year, valid until October 31, 2012. Before a license will be issued, proof is required.

Please be advised that if your veterinarian determines that your dog should not have a rabies shot, an exemption form must be completed and returned with your application and payment.

In addition, if your dog/cat has been spayed or neutered, proof of neutering is necessary.

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# January 2012 Heights Senior Calendar

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## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Monday, January 9, 23, 30**

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

**Tuesday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**

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

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

6:00 p.m. Game Night

**Wednesday, January 18, 25**

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

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

**Thursday, January 5, 12, 19, 26**

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

**Friday, January 6, 20**

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

**Friday, January 13, 27**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

*Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes*

### Senior Center will be closed:

Monday, January 2, 2012

Monday, January 16, 2012

*There will be no garbage collection these days.*

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, January 4**

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive meeting

**Wednesday, January 11**

1 p.m. Monthly meeting

## Carlstadt Seniors Form One Club

As of January 4, 2012, the two senior clubs in Carlstadt will be joined as one under the name of Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club and will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 1 p.m. for refreshments and the meeting following at 1:30 p.m. Any senior in Carlstadt is welcome to join, just come to a meeting.

For additional information call Eleanor at 201-935-2541. ###

## Lodi Seniors Club Seeks New Members

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

The Club has many recreational choices on Thursdays which everyone will enjoy, including senior yoga from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by Bingo at 1:00. If you prefer not to play Bingo, line dancing also starts at 1 p.m. If you prefer to play games, ping pong, billiards, cards, or bocce in season, these are also available. Or, you can just sit and chit chat for the afternoon. For members, the charge for a Thursday visit is 50 cents. The membership fee is only \$10 per year.

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



## AARP Christmas Party; 2012 Programs Announced

The Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP held their Annual Christmas Party on December 9, 2011, at the Crow's Nest in Hackensack.

All the arrangements for the day were planned by committee members Dolores Jones, Berta Spada, Linda Sproviero and Ellie Thompson. It was the committee who decided to move the annual affair from the M & M Building to the Crow's Nest. This was the first time the party was held away from the club's meeting place.

The members collected and donated \$152 to the Tomorrow's Children's Fund at Hackensack University Medical Center. They hope that this money will help in the diagnosis and treatment of children who have cancer and/or blood disorders.

The AARP Central Bergen Chapter 418 is open to all AARP members who live in Hasbrouck Heights, Hackensack, South Hackensack, Little Ferry, Rochelle Park and Maywood. The group meets on the second Friday of each month from September to June at 12:00 p.m., at the M&M Building, 116 Holt

Street, Hackensack, NJ. Their president is Marie Gallo from Hasbrouck Heights.

At their next meeting, which will be held on January 13, a representative from the Bergen County United Way will review their mission which is to provide direct service to the most vulnerable residents in our community; on February 10, Michael Dressler, Bergen County Surrogate, will discuss the many responsibilities of his position; on March 9, Ian Gallagher will entertain the group with Irish Songs; and on April 13, florist Ray Vorisek will demonstrate the art of floral arrangement.

The chapter is also planning a trip to Doolan's of Spring Lake for April 24. Doolan's is the home of Mike Byrne All Star Productions where senior events are the specialty. The luncheon shows are tailored to fit the senior budget, yet provide the highest quality of musical entertainment. The cost is \$60 per person and the show will be "The Best of Broadway." *Photo and story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

## Seniors Holiday Party at the Fiesta

One-hundred seventeen Leisure Club members and their guests attended their Annual Christmas Party on December 5, 2011. For the first time in its history the Leisure Club's luncheon was held at the Fiesta in Wood-Ridge. In past years the affair was held at the Elks Lodge, Cotillion, the Landmark, the Graycliff and the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton.

The management and staff at the Fiesta "bent over backwards" to welcome all who attended. The food was excellent.

The Chairperson for the party was Dorothy Fitzin who was assisted by John Nesbett. They did an excellent job of preparing for the event. Santa made a visit at the beginning



of the afternoon and passed out candy canes. Peter Leiberman provided the dance music.

Officers are serving the second year of their two year terms: President John Fitzin,

Vice-President Peter Gallo, Secretary Marilyn deRussy and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin. *Photo and Story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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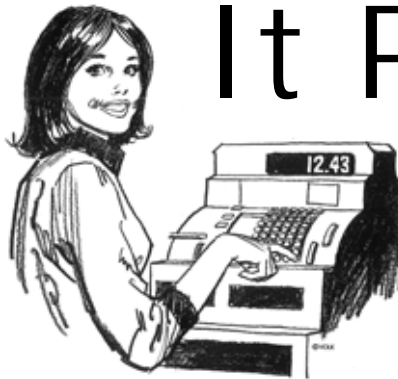
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### 'Tis the Season for Giving

Writing this article well before it gets published next month/year (but then, the holiday spirit lingers long after the events have passed...).

As most lenders are requiring home buyers to put down at least 20 percent – and sometimes, with more expensive properties, an even greater amount – the best holiday gift some people might receive would be help with the down payment.

Under federal tax law, each individual is permitted to give away money or valuables worth up to \$13,000 to a single recipient in a calendar year. A married couple could jointly bestow up to \$26,000 a year per recipient. And that could be \$52,000 if the recipient has a spouse or partner.

Moreover, if the gift-givers wanted to spread even more good cheer into the next calendar year – perhaps distributing some future inheritance money – they could easily double the amount to the same couple, to \$104,000!

*(In other words, give them one for Christmas and, a week later, give them another for New Year's).*

Let's face it: the biggest barrier to buying a home these days is saving for the down payment. The real estate website Trulia released a survey recently that was based on responses from over 2,200 people, including 758 renters who expressed an interest in buying a home this season. Fifty-one percent of those renters said coming up with the money for the down payment was keeping them from buying (and 62% among adults 18 to 34) while 36% identified qualifying for a mortgage as the stumbling block.

It can amount to a huge chunk for first-time buyers. And we're seeing even second-time home buyers getting help from the family, especially if their new residence needs renovation.

A 20 percent down payment on a \$368,000 home – the median selling price in Hasbrouck Heights this year

according to the New Jersey MLS – would require a buyer to come up with \$73,600, plus closing costs.

Relatives could, of course, give the entire \$76,000 down payment, though anything above the maximum annual exemption could be considered a taxable gift and must be reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

There is also, as I understand it, a way of lending a relative or close friend the money for the down payment, of the closing costs, then forgiving the loan in a future year. The recipient would simply have to pay interest on the loan until it was forgiven, at which time it would become a gift.

But, of course, before giving money to a son, daughter, niece or nephew, you should consider your own financial picture. Likewise, it's wise to make sure the recipient is not being chased by creditors and will use the money for the intended purpose. Once the check's been handed over, the money can be used for anything.

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## The Energy Corner

### Are there other ways to save money?

Yes. Take a look around your home and check for drafts around doors, windows and even electrical outlets. By adding caulk, weather stripping or foam insulation you can block out winter cold -- which means greater comfort for you and your family and less work for your heating system. If you haven't installed storm windows and doors, this could be the year when it really pays to do so.

A great place to check for energy leaks is your attic. Since warm air rises, money could be going through the roof if your attic area is poorly insulated. *(Remember, purchasing and installing insulation with higher "R" values means greater energy savings.)*

And don't forget to check below. Insulating floors over unheated areas will help keep out the chill, so will insulating basement walls.

Call John Depken if you have any questions that you would like answered in this column



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## Career Transition Support and Networking Group

A Career Transition Support and Networking Group, called Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors, meets every Monday night from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. at The Lodi Memorial Library and 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at The Garfield Library

Neighbors-Helping-Neighbors meets at local public libraries around New Jersey. Resources are available at host libraries to assist with computer job searches and other useful resources.

This is a free job search support group and networking group for people conducting job searches, regardless of career discipline or objective, members include workers in transition; recent college graduates; unemployed and underem-

ployed professionals; those re-entering the job market; small business owners, and retirees seeking part-time work.

"Not feeling alone or powerless are critical factors in a job search, particularly for those who have been out of work for an extended period of time," explained John Fugazzie, founder of NhN. "Support, discussion and information sharing can make all the difference. It helps re-build the confidence needed to successfully land a job."

For more information, email John Fugazzie, at [johnfugazzie@aol.com](mailto:johnfugazzie@aol.com), or call 201-262-0103. Their website is: [www.neighbors-helping-neighbors.com](http://www.neighbors-helping-neighbors.com) ###

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## Aviators U-14 Girls Wrap-up a Very Successful Fall Season

The Aviators U-14 Girls team wrapped up their Fall Season last weekend in fine form.

The Aviators finished 8-2 in Northern Counties league play and were assured a top 3 finish in their flight. They were 11-2-1 in all competitions that included the U-14 Girls Championship Trophy in Monroe-Woodbury Columbus Day Tournament.

Their results this season were remarkable given that more than 50% of the team had played on other squads last year.

"These young ladies have given 100% of themselves to the success of their team. Their chemistry and regard for each other and the team translated into success on the field," said Coach Juergen Hofheinz.

"Three and a half months ago, we did not know what to expect from the 15 girls. They came together as a team. The parents have been supportive and the girls have been a pleasure to be around and coach and watch improve," said Coach John DiGiacinto.

With all the new additions to the team, during the first four weeks, the girls were really flexible in trying different positions.

After their tough loss to Fair Lawn on October 2nd, the girls realized their potential and played much more cohesively, and found their ability to score through good passing and careful attention to set pieces.

Those first four weeks produced a 2-2 start and a reasonable middle of the table standing in Northern Counties.

From that point forward, the girls were unbeaten, that included three wins and one tie in Monroe-Woodbury on October 9th and six straight wins in Northern Counties league play.

The team was comprised of: strikers, Felicia Cascone, Meghan O'Leary, McKayla Newsome, Nicole Vega and Maria Montesinos; midfielders Jillian DiGiacinto, Adriana Saab, Morgan Kurz, Marissa Pinto and Guilia Gargano; defenders Casey King, Kristen Kahrer, Brittany Larsen and Destiny Foster; and Goal-keeper Bailey Wyrostek.

Scoring was led by Felicia Cascone with 13 goals, Meghan O'Leary with 8, Jillian DiGiacinto with 6 and Morgan Kurz with 3.

However, the defenders also proved to be deadly with Kristen Kahrer having 2 goals and Brittany Larsen with 1. McKayla Newsome, Adriana Saab and Maria Montesinos also had one goal each.

Special thanks go to Assistant Coach Felix Cascone and Trainer Stan Leterov, whose instruction and insight into the game helped the development of the players.

The team's defense was exceptionally strong allowing less than one goal per game. Bailey Wyrostek turned back 53 shots on goal during league play and permitted only 8 goals. Adriana Saab and Jillian DiGiacinto stepped into goal for portions of three games to allow Bailey to play on the field and played brilliantly. "It was this sort of unselfish behavior that defined their play all year. These ladies are remarkable and their results proved it. We are all looking forward to the spring," said Assistant Coach Mark Kahrer. *Photo and story provided by Aviators U-14. ###*



## Xcel Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Center wins 5th "Best Team" at the Mayor's Cup Championship

The 2011 Long Branch Mayor's Cup Tae Kwon Do Championship was held on December 4, 2011, at Ocean Township High School in West Long Branch, New Jersey. **Xcel Tae Kwon Do Martial Arts Center**, located in Hasbrouck Heights, sent twenty competitors to test their skills against opponents from the tri-state area.

Team Xcel won a total of 18 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 17 bronze medals. As the result of their accomplishment, Team Xcel won the "Mayor's Cup" trophy for best school for the fifth straight year.

For many of the competitors of Team Xcel it was their first martial arts tournament.

At 5 years old, the youngest members of the team, Gabrielle Gonzales and George Kouletas, showed off their focus as they displayed absolute confidence performing in front of hundreds of onlookers.

For their outstanding efforts, Gabrielle won 2 gold

medals and 1 silver medal while George won 2 silver medals.

The most exciting sparring match of the day went to 7-year-old Rocco Otzau. After two rounds of back-to-back kicking and punching exchanges with his aggressive opponent, he held on to win by the score of 11-10. Preparation was the key to the success of Team Xcel, spending many extra hours in training to prepare for this event. Team Xcel's exceptional success was the result of all their hard work and dedication.

When asked about the performance of Team Xcel, the tournament director commented by saying how amazed he was at the level of self-confidence displayed by Team Xcel. Just by observing their attitude throughout the day, he knew they were there to perform at

the highest level.

Team Xcel consisted of: Hannah Smith (9 years old), Luke Bokuniewicz (10), Alexander Rodriguez (6), Rocco Otzau (7), Gabriel Gonzalez (5), Ashley Parapi (9), Steven Antunez (8), Sarah Carter (11), Jeffery Fonseca (8), Alexis Putkisto (11), Madison Christiana (10), Christian Polanco (10), Christian Ochoa (9), Megan Aurigemma (6), Shane Ike (6), Gillian Calbi (11), George Kouletas (5), Paul Kouletas (7), Aidan Cruz (8), and Brian Quesada (11).

They were coached by Master Steven Lee, a 5-Time US National Tae Kwon Do Team member and former US Olympic Center Team Captain. *Story by Christine Adamo. Photo provided by Xcel Tae Kwon Do. ###*

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Overview of the progress of Wesmont Station as of December 10, 2011. Avalon Bay Communities is constructing the initial phase to include four buildings with a total of 406 one, two and three bedroom apartments and 27,000 sq. ft. of retail space. Occupancy is expected to begin in the spring of 2012. The Wesmont vision began ten years ago and despite environmental and economic obstacles, the \$400 million housing and commercial development re-started in earnest with site work beginning in September 2010. "Shovels in the ground" ceremony took place on March 23, 2011. Somerset Development is the master developer. (Special thanks to Jim Miller of NJ Chopper.) ###

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Heights Beer & Wine Emporium Holds Grand Opening

It was all smiles during the official Grand Opening at **Heights Beer & Wine Emporium** on Sunday, December 18, 2011.

Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck and Council members, Heights Towne Centre management, Emporium employees and friends joined

Charles T. Grieco, General Manager, in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Heights Beer & Wine Emporium is located at the former Ashley Furniture building behind Kiddie World at 69 Rt. 17 South in Hasbrouck Heights. This area is being redeveloped into a shopping mall called

Heights Towne Centre.

In addition to a large inventory of imported and domestic beers, they offer a huge selection of wines and feature a very special, cozy wine tasting room. They also offer cheese and crackers, gift baskets, cigars, lottery, bar accessories, etc. ###



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### LFD Gets Pet Oxygen Masks

The Lodi Fire Department is the gracious recipient of a donation of pet oxygen masks from the Companion Animal Advocates on behalf of an anonymous donor from the Borough of Lodi.

The goal of the Companion Animal Advocates is to make sure that every town in Bergen County is equipped with a kit so that pets are protected in case of an emergency. So far this year, the organization has been able to donate more than 17 pet oxygen masks throughout Bergen County.

Chief Anthony Maiolo was

on hand to accept the award along with Bergen County Fire Marshal Brian Hennig, Mayor Bruce Masopust, Deputy Mayor Marc Schrieks and Councilwoman Patricia Ann Licata, as well as members of Lodi Fire Department Truck Company. Chief Maiolo said "On behalf of the Lodi Fire Department, I would like to thank the Companion Animal Advocates and the anonymous donor. It is our hope that we never have to use the masks, but if that need ever does arise, we will be ready."

*Photo provided by the Lodi Fire Department. ###*



### Day of Infamy Remembered

About 250 people attended the Remembrance Service held at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum, December 4, 2011, at 1 p.m. -- the 70th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

Several Veterans groups, Army Air Forces Historical Association and civilians were there to honor the memory of the 2,402 Americans lost, 1,282 injured, five of eight battleships that were sunk or sinking with the rest damaged, several other ships and Hawaii-based combat planes that were knocked out by the Japanese "sneak attack."

The memorial program

began with Tom Conlon calling the program to order.

There was the Presentation of The Colors by the Marine Gooney Bird Detachment, U. S. Submarine Service NJ- North Base and Army Air Force Historical Society, and Navy Veterans. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brianna Conlon.

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Olivia Purity Vera, Invocation by Bill Reilly, Chaplain USSVI and remarks were made by Basil Kio, State Commander, Chapter President USSVI, WWII.

It was a solemn moment when Lesile Altschuler and

Tom Conlon read the names of the "WWII Boats on Eternal Patrol," and tolled the bell on the USS Ling.

A wreath beneath the flagpole was placed by Pearl Harbor survivor Andy Meyer, of Closter, NJ. Steve Eltringham of the Kearny Caledonia Pipe Band, played the Bagpipes and Ken Odgers played "Taps," Bill Reilly gave the Benediction.

"God Bless America" was sung by Ms. Olivia Purity Vera.

The Colors were retired. Refreshments were served. This annual event at the USS Ling began in 1972. ###



### WRFD Earns Best Appearing Awards at Holiday Parade

During the Wallington 10th Anniversary Holiday of Lights Parade on November 26, 2011, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department pulled two "Best Appearing Awards," one for Rescue Truck and one for Chief's vehicle.

This year, the Department's presentation was "Fisher-Price" with the Rescue Truck as a jet, Chief's car as a helicopter and the Ambulance as a dump truck.

Also receiving a first place award best lighted/decorated was Hasbrouck Heights Ambulance. Special Judges' Awards were presented to Hasbrouck Heights, Carlstadt EMS and Little Ferry EMS.

Fifty trophies were award-



ed to best appearing Fire Department, pumper, rescue, ladder, chief's car and special floats.

The Wallington Holiday Parade is the largest in New Jersey with over 100 towns participating and more than 300 vehicles. It is considered America's Largest Nighttime Firefighter's Holiday Parade.

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