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It goes too fast. Didn't we just ponder the selection of our Christmas tree, watch them trim the branches, carefully take our treasure home, enjoy the crisp invigorating scent of evergreens wafting in the air as we carefully stand the tree, spend hours dressing it with twinkling lights and heirloom decorations (*each with a memory*), and marvel at our tree's magnificent splendor as the joyous centerpiece festooning our holiday. Yes, there is Church, Santa, great food, friends and family, but that adventure of buying the perfect Christmas Tree and the magic of the season it promises.

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Ministers of Apollo Entertain in W-R

Accurately dressed in eighteenth century clothing and playing music on the harpsichord and violin, the Ministers of Apollo performed in Wood-Ridge, on December 8, 2013. Their stage was the parlor of the historic Arnault/Bianchi House. Their audience consisted of members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society and their friends.

The duo of Erik Lichack on the harpsichord and Melanie Zanakis on the violin performed music selections that were fashionable in American and British homes in New York City around 1776.

The Ministers of Apollo was founded in 2007. Apollo, according to Greek and Roman mythology, is known as the god of all refined arts, especially music. His consorts, the Muses, were believed to inspire all creativity and kindle the emotions. They gave the impulse to

dance and sing. The name, the Ministers of Apollo, signifies those who are influenced by the Muses and devote themselves to the refined arts.

Mr. Lichack holds a BA in Music Education, with a concentration in harpsichord. He is co-author of the book “Military Music of the American Revolution,” which is actively being used by West Point bands.

Miss Zanakis holds a BA in classics, and is currently finishing her BM in violin performance.

She also performs as a soprano and keyboardist. She is a researcher of Neo-Classical culture, rhetoric, and more particularly, hairstyles and cosmetics; replicating authentic powders, pomatums, and fashions for the headdresses of England and America from the 1770s to the 1790s. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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Santa Arrives at Teterboro Airport

Santa and his elf flew into Teterboro Airport in a high-tech sleigh at 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 2013. They were given a ride to the Aviation Hall of Fame in a Teterboro Airport Port Authority Police "Snuzzle" ARFF Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck where they were greeted by many well wishers in the Museum parking lot.

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. *Special thanks to Jim Miller of NJ Chopper. ###*

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Heights Flower Shoppe held their Open House on December 8, 2013. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with photo opportunities with Santa, music, prizes and refreshments. They invite everyone to visit their **Victorian Tea House Café**, an 1880 Victorian setting with freshly brewed tea, scones, clotted cream, finger sandwiches and more for a truly enjoyable experience. Victorian tea parties seat from 4 to 15. Custom menu available. Call for reservations at 201-488-6651. ###



Bill O'Shea's Florist held their Annual Open House on November 24, 2013. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with photo opportunities with Santa, music, prizes, refreshments and special offers. ###



Breakfast with Santa a Success Despite Poor Weather

Despite a snow and ice storm which covered Wood-Ridge the night before, Santa did attend the “Breakfast with Santa” on December 15, 2013. The annual affair was sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Knights of Columbus. As Santa explained to all who attended, “I’m used to traveling in this weather. Remember I do live at the North Pole!” More than 200 children, parents, and grandparents did attend. The breakfast was held in the cafeteria of the newly renovated Wood-Ridge Intermediate School.

The breakfast consisted of all you can eat pancakes, sausage patties, and orange or apple juice, coffee or tea. PG ###



Santa’s Workshop

The Little Ferry First Aid Squad presented a “Santa’s Workshop” fundraiser with a Holiday Gift Wrapping and Bake Sale Event on Saturday, December 14, 2013, at their headquarters on Main Street. ###

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Kip Center Beefsteak

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

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

Rutherford Community Chest Seeks Donations

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

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

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

Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights will hold its Annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on Monday, January 20, 2014, from noon until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

Tickets are \$8 per person. Take-outs will be available. Come and break the winter blues with some warm soup, friendship and conversation. Contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Helen at 201-288-5116 for reservations.

The Contemporary Club is a member Club of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, a service organization dedicated to serving the needs of others one project at a time. ###

Baked Ham Luncheon

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will sponsor their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, in the Community Hall, Third Street, Carlstadt.

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

Felician Sisters Christmas Concert January 5

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Convent of Lodi, New Jersey, will present a sacred concert entitled "The Glory of Christmas."

The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 5, 2014, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey at 3 p.m.

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.

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir will be several guest artists.

There is no admission charge for this concert, but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the Felician Mission in Haiti, which is being organized by Sister Marilyn Minter and Sister Mary Igna Borko.

For further information: Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak 973-473-7447 ext 114. ###

Municipal Reorganization Meetings

Carlstadt: Wednesday January 1, 2014, at 1 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

East Rutherford: Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at noon in the Council Chambers.

Hasbrouck Heights: Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Little Ferry: Friday, January 3, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Moonachie: Sunday, January 5, 2014, at noon in the Civic Center, 125 Moonachie Road.

Rutherford: Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at noon, in the Council Chambers.

Wood-Ridge: Sunday, January 5, 2014, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###

Pancake Breakfast

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

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

The Wit and Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln

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

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

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

Actor Bob Gleason gives special insights into our country's great emancipator.

Mr. Gleason's numerous appearances, including Ford's Theater, the White House and the National Archives, have made him one of the premier

presenters of the Civil War President.

Bob Gleason's Abraham Lincoln conveys the self-taught, determined, highly individualistic man who rose from poverty.

Gleason's Lincoln enables audiences to experience the depth of his heart as well as his quick mind and unflappable spirit.

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

This program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. ###

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Donation is \$20 and includes pasta dinner, beer, wine and a rose for the ladies. Music by DJ Jack Jam.

All proceeds to benefit Veterans and children's programs.

The event will be held at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, NJ. For more information please call 201-641-9774. ###

Postcard & Paper Ephemera Show

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

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

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HH Garden Club News

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, the Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club presented its 2013 Fall Garden of the Season Award to Mr. Vincent DiChiarrà of 110 Central Avenue.

Mr. DiChiarrà's front garden, a blend of perennial trees, shrubs and colorful fall annuals, is truly a very manicured and neatly kept garden.

The last Garden Club meeting of 2013 was held on November 21 with a special visit from John Kosakowski from **O'Shea's Florist** of Hasbrouck Heights.

In a very short time span he deftly demonstrated how to build a natural holiday door wreath and a fresh cornucopia as a centerpiece. Two members were very fortunate to win these decorative pieces in an impromptu drawing.

They are ready to begin their meetings for 2014 on January 16 with Elaine Silverstein as their first speaker of the New Year.

Elaine is a horticulturist in the Bergen County area, and has a certificate in Sustainable Landscape Management from the NY Botanical Gardens.

She helps design gardens for inexperienced gardeners focusing on native plants and sustainability and writes the Backyard Environmentalist column in the North Jersey newspaper.

Elaine's topic for the evening will be native plants, easy to grow species of perennials, grasses and shrubs.

The Club will be meeting in the Library Meeting Room located in the Borough Hall at 320 Boulevard on the second floor. Refreshments are served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7 p.m.

There is plenty of parking available and an elevator is available for easy access.

The Club always welcomes guests to come to their free programs for a very interesting evening. For more information call Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

Carlstadt Historical Society

The Carlstadt Historical Society, Inc. Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Community Center on Fourth Street, Carlstadt. Prospective members are always welcome as well as members of The Little Ferry Historical Society.

The January 15, 2014 meeting program will begin a series of winter films starting with "The Crusade Against Polio" followed by "Lincoln Highway" (February) and "Alan Pinkerton American's First Detective" (March).

The Carlstadt Historical Society Museum is located in the "circa 1919" former Firehouse on Sixth and Division. It is open on the last Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m. and to groups by appointment.

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

Rutherford Taxpayers Association

The Rutherford Taxpayers Association (RTA) holds monthly meetings at Rutherford Borough Hall on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The January 2014 meeting has been rescheduled to January 8.

The RTA presents information in a non-political form through monthly meetings and newsletters. Open forums are frequently held of topics of local interest.

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

Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 11:53 p.m. 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.

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Students must bring their green card at the time of registration. Level 3 or Level 4 English is a prerequisite for these classes.

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

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

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

Collaborative Parents Committee Meets January 21

The next Collaborative Parents Committee (CPC) meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the Media Center in the Hasbrouck Hts High School, 365 Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights NJ.

This month parents are invited to lead the discussion with any questions or concerns they may have. They will have a guest speaker at their next meeting on February 25, 2014.

The CPC is a parent organized group that provides support, advocacy and education for parents of children with special needs in the Hasbrouck Heights school district. Their extensive Resource table will be available during the meeting and refreshments are always served.

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

Homework Club

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

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

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

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

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- Assure that homework assignments are completed and, more importantly, understood.
- Help children understand the importance of learning and acquire good study skills.
- Help students understand that learning is fun and like sports you need to practice – hence the need for homework.

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

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

Adult ESL Classes

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

New students must take a language assessment evaluation.

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

The ESL classes will provide English language instruction at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels, as well as one-to-one instruction, to people from other countries and other language backgrounds.

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call the Care Center office at 201-288-9460.

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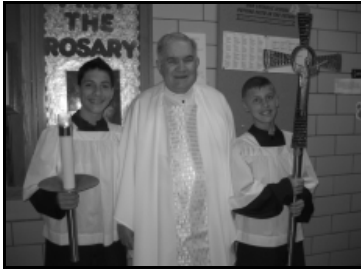
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At The East Rutherford Memorial Library on Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, 2014, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., children ages 4-8 can read in 15 minute increments.

Registration opens 2 weeks before each event. Call 201-939-3930 to reserve your time slot. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Participants must arrive 5 minutes early before session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to wait listed individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Paws for Reading

Young Readers Wanted!! January 6 and 27, 2014. Come to The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library and sharpen your reading skills by reading to the wonderful therapy dogs Rodney and Teddy!

Children ages 5 and older sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a friendly dog. The dogs are certified through the Delta Society and Bright and Beautiful Therapy Dogs Inc. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for beginning and struggling readers to practice their reading skills, and all readers are invited.

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

**January Flower
Carnation or
Snow Drop**

Paws to Read

Rodney, a registered therapy dog, and his owner will visit The Rutherford Public Library on Saturday, January 25, 2014, at 2 p.m. Children may register for a 15 minute time period to read to Rodney.

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

Read to a Dog Program

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is proud to welcome the Tail Waggin' Tutors back for the school year.

This read to a dog program is nationally known for creating a welcoming environment for young readers to practice their skills on a patient listener.

Children who participate in this program develop self-esteem, public speaking skills, and an excitement for reading. Certified volunteer dog, Ruby, will be available one night per month.

The schedule is as follows: Monday, January 6, February 3, and March 3, 2014, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No registration needed. For further information, please call 201-288-0485. ###

Storytime Fun

A special storytime for children 4, 5, and 6 years old will be held at The Rutherford Public Library on Monday, January 13, 2014, at 3:45 p.m. Join them for stories and a craft. Registration is required. To register, please visit or call the Children's Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Toddler Storytime

On Thursdays, at 10:30 a.m., at The East Rutherford Memorial Library, children ages 2-3, come with your listening ears, voices, and imaginations for this delightful half hour of stories, songs, and dances with other kids and caregivers.

The focus will be on early literacy, coordination, cooperation, and fun! No registration required – just bring yourselves! Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Young Readers' Storytime & Craft

Children ages 3-5, stop by for this fun and educational event after school! They will read stories and sing songs that develop children's early literacy skills. They will also do a craft that will help develop fine motor skills on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 6:45 p.m.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. Participants must arrive 5 minutes early before the session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to wait listed individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Babies Storytime and Play

Bring your babies (ages 0 - 2) to The East Rutherford Memorial Library for this fun and educational storytime. They will read stories and sing songs that will help babies develop their vocabulary. Babies will then play with fun toys and together on Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. No registration required – just bring yourselves! ###

PJ Storytime

It's PJ Storytime at The Lodi Memorial Library every Monday evening (January 6, 13, 20, and 27) from 6 – 6:30 p.m. Children, ages two to six, along with their parents are invited to bring their favorite stuffed toy, wear their pajamas and enjoy an evening of stories. ###

Winter PJ Storytime

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights has announced its Winter 2014 Pajama Story Time dates starting on January 16, February 27, and March 20 from 7-7:45 p.m. The Jr. Woman's Club of Hasbrouck Heights will be at The Library reading and making crafts with children ages 3-7 and their caregivers. Registration is required. For additional information, please call 201- 288-0485. ###

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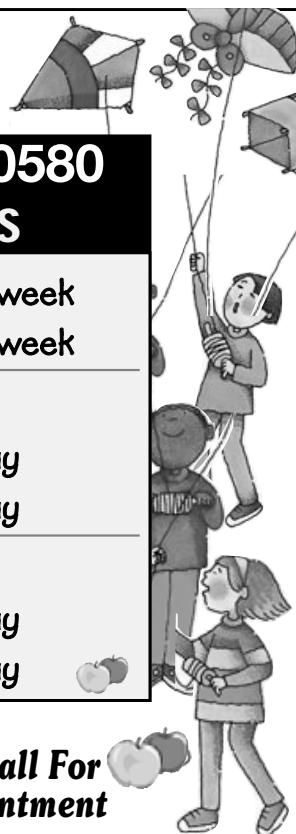
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Special Events at The Lodi Library

Knit & Stitch Parents and children learn to knit and sew, Mondays from 6 to 6:30 p.m, January 6, 13, 20, and 27.

Craft Days Appropriate for ages Kindergarten and up.

Parents and children are invited to share and make crafts together, as a fun “pastime and educational tool for kids by extending a child’s fine motor skills, developing concepts like color or numbers etc.,” from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

- January 2: Science experiment - crystals
- January 7: Pipe cleaner penguins
- January 9: Penguin snowglobe
- January 21: Rainbow bracelets
- January 23: Q-tip snowflakes
- January 28: Craft a fish

Game Day from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., on Thursdays, January 16 and 30, parents and kids play Wii games together

Legos Family Build: January 14, from 3 – 4:30 p.m., Kindergarten age & up. We supply the Legos and you supply the imagination!

Dog Tales: January 16, from 4 - 5 p.m., Kindergarten and up, children read to a single therapy dog, that is selected for its calmness and gentleness around children. Children select a book from the table or one of their favorites and read out loud to patient puppies.

Teen Café at The Lodi Memorial Library on Wednesdays 4:00-4:30. January 8, 15, 22, and 29, teens 12 to 18 meet to talk about what they’re doing, technology tips, fashion, movies, music and books you want to read.

Reader’s Theatre at The Lodi Memorial Library on Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2014, from 3:15 - 3:45 p.m., teens 12-18 can experience the fun of acting and performing without the pressure of memorizing, for 1st Graders and up. Registration required. ###

Children’s Friday Afternoon Matinee

On Friday, January 31, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., all children ages 5 and up are invited to a free movie screening at The Rutherford Public Library. Movie for this month will be Disney’s “Planes.” The film is rated PG. No advance registration required. An adult caregiver must remain with any child under the age of seven for the duration of the film. For more information, please call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Elephant and Piggie Party

Children PreK4 to 2nd Grade can join Gerald the Elephant and Piggie the Pig for this fun celebration with stories, games, activities, and snacks at The East Rutherford Memorial Library on Saturday, January 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.

Registration will open 2 weeks prior to the event. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Participants must arrive 5 minutes early before the session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to wait listed individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Special Winter Programs for Children

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights announces its special lineup of winter programs.

- Wednesday, January 22, 2014, a Critical Thinking Challenge in collaboration with Eye Level Learning for Grades 4-6 from 3-4:30 p.m. Prizes will be given for completing several fun puzzles.
- Thursday, February 6, a Valentine craft for children in grades K-6 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- February 19 and 21, look for details for School’s Out Fun programs to be announced.
- March 3, celebrate Read Across America Day with creative dramatics and improvisation. For ages 3 and up.
- 3rd Annual Stuffed Animal Sleepover on Friday, March 14 from 6:30-7:15 p.m. and Saturday, March 15 from 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 3-7.

Registration is required for the above programs. First preference is given to residents of Hasbrouck Heights. Register in person, online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org>, or call 201-288-0485. ###

Wimpy Kid Party

Students, Grades 3-4, join Greg, Rowley, and the rest of the crew at The East Rutherford Memorial Library for this fun event with games, activities, and snacks on Thursday, January 16, 2014, at 4 p.m.

Registration will open 2 weeks prior to the event. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Participants must arrive 5 minutes early before the session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to waitlisted individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Drop-In Storytime

The Rutherford Public Library will host a morning and afternoon drop-in storytime program on Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2014, from 10:30 – 11 a.m. and repeated from 2 – 2:30 p.m. The same storytime will also be presented on Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2014, 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.###

Crafty Kids

On Monday, January 28, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., The Rutherford Public Library will host a craft program for children ages 6 and up. Craft project to be announced. Registration is required. To register, please visit or call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Winter Story Time

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights has announced registration for its winter preschool story times. The times and days are as follows:

- TINY TOTS for ages Birth to 2 ½ with their parent or guardian for 15 minutes of circle time and one half hour of play on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- BOOK BUDDIES for ages 2 ½ to 3 ½ with their parent or guardian for stories, songs, games, and a craft on Wednesdays 10:30-11:15 a.m.
- BUILDING BLOCKS for ages 3 ½ to 5 (*parents must remain in building*) for books, group storytelling, and a craft on Tuesdays from 1:15-2 p.m.
- DROP IN STORY TIME for ages 3-7 (*parents must remain in the building*) for books, stories, and games on Mondays from 3:35-4:15 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, January 6, 2014, at 10 a.m. and required for all programs except for Drop In Story Time. First preference is given to residents and students of Hasbrouck Heights.

Programs begin Monday, January 13, 2014. You are welcome to register in person, online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org>, or by calling 201-288-0485. ###

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Preschool Craft Corner

On Monday, January 21, 2014, at 3:45 p.m., three-, four, and five-year-old children are invited to make a craft at The Rutherford Public Library. Craft project to be announced. Child must bring a grownup with them to assist with the making of the project. Registration is required. To register, please visit or call the Children’s Department at 201-939-8600, ext. 6. ###

Game Break

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library invites kids of all ages to come to The Library, January 10, 2014, from 3-4:30 p.m. to play games.

Enjoy Wii Games along with games of Checkers, Uno, Clue, Monopoly, Life and more. Registration is required. Contact Ms. M, the Youth Librarian at wrldgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455 by January 9 to sign up. ###

Tween Craft Hour

Escape the dark of winter and come create something beautiful at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Tween Craft Hour, January 23, 2014, from 3-4 p.m.

Let your imagination flow and enjoy trying something new. Ages 8 to 14 welcome. Registration is required. Contact Ms. M, the Youth Librarian at wrldgchild@bccls.org or 201-438-2455 by January 17 to sign up. ###

ER Teen Advisory Group

Join group of middle school and high school aged students (*Grades 5-8*) to advise East Rutherford Memorial Library in buying books, magazines, DVDs, and CDs, and planning activities for teenagers.

By joining The East Rutherford Memorial Library Teen Advisory Group, you will:

- Have your voice heard.
 - Influence the purchase of teen material such as books, magazines, movies, music, etc.
 - Create social events for teens.
 - Acquire teamwork skills as you work with peers to influence the future of The Library.
- Meetings are Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

Registration will open 2 weeks prior to the event. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Participants must arrive 5 minutes before the session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to wait listed individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

Teen Craft Club

Students Grades 5-8, join in for fun crafts that range from duct tape to rubber band bracelets to collages and beyond on Wednesdays, January 15 and 29, 2014 at 3:30 p.m.

Call The East Rutherford Library for more details or suggest a craft. Snacks will be provided.

Registration will open 2 weeks prior to the event. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.

Participants must arrive 5 minutes before the session to claim their reserved spot or risk losing their spot to waitlisted individuals. Priority will be given to East Rutherford residents. ###

HH Library January Teen Programs

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights invites teens in Grades 6 thru 12 to join in on the fun:

- Teen Advisory Board - Next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 9, 2014, from 3:15-4:30 pm. Here’s where YOU can make a difference. Your opinions count and the library wants to hear what you have to say.
- Level Up! Gaming Club - Every Tuesday from 4 – 6 pm, no registration required. Here’s a wonderful opportunity to meet other gamers and perfect your strategy. Light refreshments is served.
- Create Mason Jar Lanterns – Decorate the outside of a mason jar using paper tissue, glitter, and more! Then, put a small candle inside it to create your own unique and colorful lantern! Refreshments will be provided. Craft event will take place on Thursday, January 23 from 3:30-5 p.m.

- Teen Reader’s Club - Fourth Tuesday of every month from 7-8:30 pm. Anyone in Grade 7 thru 12 is invited to participate. In-person registration required. Here are upcoming titles, the teens will be reading:
 - January 28 - “Invisibility” by David Leviathan & Andrea Cremer
 - February 25 - “Hostage 3” by Nick Lake
 - March 25 – “Boy21” by Matthew Quick
 - April 22 - “Out of the Easy” by Ruta Sepetys

Call Claire at 201-288-6653 for further details. Register by phone, in-person, or online via our calendar. <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org> ###

Belly Dancing

Care on the Corner will be starting a winter session of Middle Eastern Dancing (*aka: Belly Dancing*) classes starting on January 21, 2014.

Through this Ancient Dance form, you will learn the basics of the dance while strengthening your abs, tone your muscles and learn a simple piece of choreography.

The classes will be held Tuesday nights, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. for six (6) weeks at a fee of \$35. The session will be from January 21, 2014 to February 25, 2014.

Students will be instructed by Elly Marco, who is currently the Director of the Haslo Dance Troupe. She performs throughout Northern NJ and NYC. She also teaches Middle Eastern dance in senior centers and for other adult school education programs.

All classes will be located at: Care on the Corner, 229 Terrace Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ – in the Parish Hall.

To register for Middle Eastern Dancing, please call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 before January 14. ###

Basic ESL Classes

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

The classes are intended for beginner to intermediate level students. Beginning January 13, 2014, evening classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 – 7:30 p.m.; the course will run through June 18.

Beginning January 14, morning classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 – 11:30 a.m.; the course will run through June 19.

Class size is limited and in-person registration is required. Students may register at the Reference Desk during regular Library hours. ###

English Conversation Group

Starting January 6, 2014, English language learners are invited to attend the English Conversation Group at The Rutherford Public Library on Mondays, from 10-11:30 a.m. and on Thursdays, from 2 -3:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. This is a free program and all are welcome. No registration is required. For information, please call 201-939-8600, ext. 7. ###

January Computer Classes at Lodi Library

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

- January 7 - Computer Basics
- January 14 - Internet Basics
- January 21 - Introduction to Microsoft Word 2010
- January 28 - E-mail Basics

Registration and payment of a \$5 refundable deposit per class is required. For more information, visit lodi.bccls.org or call 973-365-4044. ###

Hasbrouck Heights Computer Training

The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library is offering Saturday computer training classes.

Each class meets for two (2) hour sessions from 10 a.m. - noon in The Library. A \$40 refundable deposit is required. Due to limited seating, pre-registration is required. Some classes have prerequisites. For details, please call 201-288-0488 or visit online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org/>

The schedule is:
• January 4 and 11: Computer Basics
• January 18 and 25: Introduction to MS Excel ###

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 on Tuesday evening, January 14, 2014, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Doug will review the basic techniques of fly fishing. He will make equipment available for hands-on experience. To register, call 201-288-0488. ###

Knitting and Crocheting Club

Bring your crocheting or knitting and join in the fun! This Club meets in The Carlstadt Library meeting room, 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month from 7-8 p.m.

Only crocheting help is available at this time for those who need assistance. Please call us at 201-438-8866 ext. 204 to register, or email us at carl-ref@bccls.org. Anyone with a valid library card is welcome to attend! ###

A Thousand Splendid Suns

On Wednesday, January 8, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Library monthly Book Discussion Group meeting will discuss “A Thousand Splendid Suns” by Khaled Hosseini.

Mariam and Laila are born a generation apart but are brought together by war and fate. Together they endure the dangers surrounding them and discover the power of both love and sacrifice.

Copies of the book are available at The Carlstadt Library for patrons to take out. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend! Call 201-438-8866 for more information or check: www.carlstadt.bccls.org. The Carlstadt Public Library is located at 420 Hackensack Street, Carlstadt. ###

Little Sisters of the Jersey Shore

On Wednesday, January 22, 2014, from 7-8 p.m., The Carlstadt Public Library will present “Little Sisters of the Jersey Shore.”

Local talent, Kathie Rizzo, will entertain all with a dramatic reading of her new comedy play!

This play is a comedy about an order of nuns who take in a wayward young woman who is trying to break away from a bad influence and make a fresh start. Sure to be lots of laughs!

Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend!

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

*Be civil to all,
serviceable to many,
familiar with few,
friend to one,
enemy to none. B.F.*

January Movies at Lodi Library

Lodi Library presents free movies on Wednesdays starting at 1:30 p.m.

- January 8, “The Lone Ranger”
- January 15, “Jobs”
- January 22, “Fast & Furious 6”
- January 29, Lee Daniels’ “The Butler”

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

To Kill a Mockingbird

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free screening of “To Kill a Mockingbird.” The film will be shown in The Library Auditorium. ###

Monday Evening Book Group

On Monday, January 27, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss “The Paris Wife” by Paula McLain. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk. The meeting will be held in the Glass Room on the main floor of The Rutherford Public Library. ###

Daytime Reading Group

On Friday, January 24, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at the 55 Kip Center to discuss “Digging to America” by Anne Tyler. Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of The Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford. ###

Knit, Read and Discuss

The Knit One, Read Two knitting/book discussion group at The Rutherford Public Library will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., to discuss “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks.

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

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Rutherford Chamber of Commerce 63rd Holiday Parade

The highlight of the 2013 Rutherford Holiday Festival held on Saturday, November 30, 2013, was the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade. The Parade started at 4 p.m. at Sunset Park to The Circle at the Train Station and up Park Avenue to The Library for the Official Tree Lighting. The Holiday Festival also included activities at St. Mary's Craft Fair, Kid's Crafts at The Rutherford Library, vendors and crafters at Williams Center Plaza, story time with Mrs. Claus at Blimpie's, Prebyterian Church's Living Nativity and Choir Church Plaza. Following the Community Tree Lighting, there were horse and wagon and trackless train rides, Children's Tree Lighting and photo with Santa at the Williams Center Plaza. ###



HH Chamber Holiday Parade Kicks-off a Merry Season

The Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce kicked-off the Season with their Annual Nighttime Holiday Parade. It stepped off at Williams Avenue at 7 p.m., on November 29, 2013, proceeded south along The Boulevard and concluded at The Circle for the Official Community Tree Lighting. Some of the old-timers believe the traditional Parade started in the 1950s, but no one is sure. ###



Illuminating The Season



Lodi began their 33rd Annual Tree Lighting, 7:30 p.m., on December 6, 2013.

Due to the heavy rain, the traditional short parade with the Lodi High School Marching Band and the Fire Department bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Municipal Complex was cancelled. But spirits were not dampened as the program was held in The Lodi Public Library.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Mayor Marc N. Schrieke. The Invocation was given by Rev. Timothy Ippolito, Pastor, Faith Reformed Church in Lodi.

Watching from inside The Library, residents counted down and the Official Lodi Holiday Tree was lit. The Lodi High School Choir sang several songs. Assisted by many beautiful “elves,” Santa and Mrs. Claus met with all the children for pictures. Gifts were presented to the children. ###

On December 7, 2013, at 7 p.m., the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was held at **Moonachie** Borough Hall.

Due to Sandy’s devastation of Borough Hall and Firehouse, the public gathered (for after tree lighting festivities), in a huge tent that was set up in the Borough Hall parking lot. At 7 p.m., everyone went to

the official tree for the countdown and lighting. Everyone returned inside the tent for hot chocolate and cookies, the R. L. Craig School Choir sang holiday songs, a DJ played seasonal music and, of course, Santa spoke with each child as parents took photos. Over a hundred stuffed bears, donated by the Salvation Army, were distributed to the children. ###



Following the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Parade Friday night, November 29, 2013, hundreds gathered at The Circle for the **Hasbrouck**

Heights official annual tree lighting. Pat Link was the MC. Mayor Rose Heck led everyone in a collective “countdown”

and The Circle trees were lit for the holiday season. Pastor Iraidia Ruiz de Porras, First United Methodist Church, provided a seasonal

invocation. Everyone joined in as the Hasbrouck Heights Middle and High School students sang festive songs. TD Bank provided hot cocoa. The

Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department assisted. Event was sponsored by the Mayor’s Celebrations Committee. ###



Carlstadt held their Official Tree and Display Lighting on the front lawn of Borough Hall on December 5, 2013. The Carlstadt Public School Choir sang seasonal songs. Santa arrived on a Carlstadt Fire Truck, then met with the children. *Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



The **Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 29, 2013, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. Members of the Jr./Sr. High School sang. Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Council led everyone 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 page 5 for photos with Santa. ###*



After a busy day of holiday festivities, immediately following the 63rd Annual Chamber Parade, the **Borough of Rutherford** held their official Tree Lighting at The Rutherford Public Library.

Mayor Joe DeSalvo Jr. made brief comments and led

the public in a countdown to light the tree. The Rutherford Community Band played many seasonal songs. The band then went to the Children’s Tree lighting in Williams Plaza for a Carol Sing-a-Long and an appearance of St. Nick! *See Rutherford Chamber Parade on page 12. ###*



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Glory of Christmas, February
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HH JWC Pumpkin Patch,
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Commemorating the 12th
Anniversary of 9-11, October



Aviation History Comes Alive at Teterboro Airport, July 2013



Rutherford Fall Family
Festival, November 2013



Taking a Journey to the Center
of the Earth, September 2013



Lodi Fire Prevention Program, November 2013



Little Ferry Safari, November 2013



Thanksgiving Feast

On November 26, 2013, the staff and students of The Felician School for Exceptional Children and the clients and staff of F.S.E.C 21 & Over Program, celebrated a Thanksgiving Feast. The meal of turkey and all the trimmings, plus pie for dessert, was enjoyed by all. Executive Chef Mark Cieslak from Chartswells Dining Services, who also Chef Manager of the Felician College and Goya Dining Hall, catered the event. It was a memorable event. *Special thanks to Mary Anne Protzo. ###*

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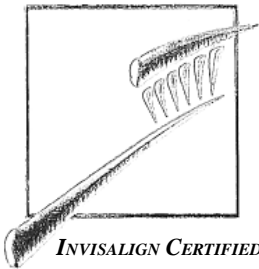
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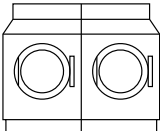


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W-R Holiday Concert

The Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. High School Music Departments presented to the community their Annual Holiday Concert at 7 p.m. on December 10, 2013, in the School Auditorium.

A variety of music and dance was presented by the Jr./Sr. High School Concert Choir and Chorale, directed by Mrs. Melissa Ayvas-Manolakakis, NJ Performing Arts Centre Residency: Historical Hip-Hop Period 1, directed by Thomas McKie and the Jr./Sr. High

School Band, directed by Mrs. Toni Baumgartner.

The audience joined in a sing-along with "Silent Night" and "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The highlight of the evening was the conclusion where the audience stood for the singing of "Hallelujah" by the Jr./Sr. High School Concert Choir.

The above photos were taken during dress rehearsal on December 6, 2013, where production details were worked out. ###



(l-r) Ricardo and Melissa Rodrigues, Deacon Nicholas Valdez, Alisa and Dominic Miller.

Double Exposure

Twin sisters, Melissa and Alisa (*Freedman*), of Lodi, tie the knot in a double wedding ceremony November 3, 2013, at Sacred Heart Church in Rochelle Park. The marriage was officiated by Deacon Nicholas Valdez. *Photo by Kaitlin Noel Photography. ###*



How Sweet It Is

On December 7, 2013, friends and family joined in the Grand Opening of **Veriella's Bakery** located at 309 Hackensack Street in Carlstadt. Assisting in the ribbon cutting were Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan, Freeholder Maura DeNicola and Carlstadt Mayor William Roseman. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*



Daisy Investiture Ceremony

On December 7, 2013, an investiture ceremony was held at The Hasbrouck Heights Library meeting room. The Daisy Troop 95929 of five year olds from Lincoln Elementary and Corpus Christi Schools received their first patches and Daisy membership pin. The girls were joined by their families and were very excited to celebrate their accomplishments. They earned the promise center for their Daisy petals and two fun patches, one for

the Christmas parade, which the girls marched on November 29 in Hasbrouck Heights, and for the investiture. The troop leader is Solanlly Gomez and co-leader is Charmaine Thomas. The troop's two assistant leaders are Pamela Hunt and Carla Potts. They work together equally as leaders to their eight Daisy girls. They are looking forward to a year filled with lots of activities and much adventure. *Story and photo provided by Solanlly Gomez. ###*



(l-r) Ryan Wheeler, Christopher Verdi and Connor McCabe.

2013 Boys State Delegates Honored

In November 2013, Ryan Wheeler, Christopher Verdi and Connor McCabe, all seniors at Hasbrouck Heights High School, each received a "Certificate of Appreciation and Participation" for attending the American Legion Boys State in June 2013. Darien Cheng, also attended Boys State, was unavailable to receive his certificate. The four boys were delegates sponsored by the Capt. James B. Scarr American Legion Post 106. Local Boys State chairman Peter J. Gallo presented the certificates to the seniors.

American Legion Jersey Boys State (ALJBS) is a mythical fifty-first state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes under the auspices of the American Legion Department of New Jersey. A session of Jersey Boys State has been held annually since the first session in 1946. Held at Rider University every year beginning on Father's Day, ALJBS has a strong tradition of education, patriotism and excellence in the development of tomorrow's leaders at their weeklong hands-on program. Only high school juniors are eligible for the program. Each delegate is sponsored by an American Legion Post

throughout the state of New Jersey. They expect about 1,000 delegates to attend the 69th Session of New Jersey Boys State at Rider University in June 2014. More information can be obtained on line by going to <http://www.aljbs.org>. Guidance counselors stress that college admissions officers are impressed with applicants who have special achievements such as being a Boys State Delegate, an Eagle Scout, etc. Mr. Gallo stated that the American Legion is presently looking for 11th Grade boys who reside in Hasbrouck Heights and have a desire to attend Boys State 2014. Interested boys should contact him at 201-288-0276. PG. ###



W-R Knights Award Scholarship

Grand Knight Thomas Gonnella of the St. Anthony Council, Knights of Columbus presented a \$500 scholarship to Miss Samantha Stanton from Wood-Ridge on December 15, 2013. Samantha, daughter of Michael and Yolanta Stanton, is a freshman at St. Mary High School in Rutherford. She has been an altar server at the Assumption Church since the Fourth Grade and has been active in CYO basketball and the local Girl Scouts. The scholarship is presented annually to a student who graduated from the Eighth Grade in 2013 and who is now attending a Catholic High School. The recipient must also be a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady. PG ###



Euclid School Feeds Needy Families

The Euclid School Student Council collected food for the Food Pantry. It was a successful endeavor which taught the students both kindness and responsibility. Their efforts paid off with a wonderful contribution to their community. *Story and photo provided by Patricia McSweeney. ###*

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January 2014 Heights Senior Calendar

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 6, 13, 27

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28

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

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

6:00 p.m. Card Game Night

Wednesday, January 15, 22, 29

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

10:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

Thursday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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

11:00 a.m. Mahjong

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

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

Friday, January 10, 17

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

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

Friday, January 3, 17, 31

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

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

Check Center Bulletin Board for any changes

The Center will be closed on

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 - New Year

Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Thursday, January 2

10:00 a.m. Executive Board meeting

Wednesday, January 8

12:30 p.m. Leisure Club meeting.

Program: Sharon Stoutland,

“Preserving Your Assets.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Patrick’s Day Celebration

Monday, March 17

Transportation, meal, two complimentary drinks and entertainment by Irish Tenor Dan Yates and the Jersey Dreamers. Cost \$60 pp. Limited seating.

Learn About the Kip Center

55 Kip Center’s 15 week Winter Session will begin January 7, 2014. New members and those who wish to learn about the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford, and various programs for older adults in the Rutherford and surrounding communities are invited to stop in to tour the center, meet the staff and learn about the many programs and services.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30pm. For more info call Cathy 201-460-1600. ##

RECYCLE

Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at the Carlstadt Civic Center.

However, for January because of the holiday, the first meeting will be on January 8, 2014, and the second on January 15. On the 15th they will have an entertainer perform, a Sinatra sound-alike. Meetings commence at 1:30 p.m. with refreshments served at 1:00 p.m. prior to the meeting. All Carlstadt seniors are invited to join the Club. ###

Leisure Club Members Party

More than 110 members of the Leisure Club celebrated the end of their 2013 Club activities at the Annual Christmas Party. The party was held on December 2, 2013 at the Fiesta.

This was the third year in a row that it was held there. As usual, the food and service were excellent. To add to that special day, the weather cooperated and was more like spring than autumn.

The group was entertained by Peter Lieberman. Peter has entertained the group in the past and has always provided great dancing music as well as music to listen to while dining.

The officers, President Peter Gallo, Vice President Kathy Murray, Treasurer Dot Fitzin and Secretary Marilyn deRussy greeted the members and wished them a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Mayor Rose Heck was also on hand to add her own wishes



for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

President Gallo thanked Dot Fitzin and John Nesbitt for their effort to make the day special. He announced that the 2014 Christmas Party would again be held at the Fiesta with Peter Lieberman providing the music. The date is Monday, December 1, 2014. Save the date!

The next general meeting of the Leisure Club will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 12:30 p.m. All local

seniors are always welcomed to attend the meetings and invited to join. Dues for the year 2014 are \$12 and will be collected at the January and February meetings.

The program for the meeting (*which begins at 1 p.m.*), is Ms. Sharon Stoutland, Director of Admissions at Oak Ridge Rehab and Nursing. Her topic is “Preserving your Assets.”

Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

AARP Annual Christmas Party and Future 2014 Programs

The Central Bergen Chapter #418, AARP held their Annual Christmas Party on December 13, 2013, at the Crow’s Nest in Hackensack.

All the arrangements for the day were planned by a committee members Dolores Jones, Bertha Spada and Ellie Thompson. It was the committee who decided to continue to have the party at the Crow’s Nest. All who attended were satisfied with the location, room, food and service.

At the November meeting, the members collected and do-



nated \$327 to the Tomorrows 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. They meet at 12 p.m. at the M&M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack, NJ. Their president is Marie Gallo from Hasbrouck Heights.

At their next meeting, on January 10, podiatrist Dr. Michael Monter will discuss Innovative Foot and Ankle Care; on February 14, Acoustic Duo Jeff and Karen will provide the entertainment for Valentine’s Day; on March 14, Harpist and Story Teller Ardis Cavin will entertain the group with Irish Songs; on April 11, Attorney Michael Manna will give the group an update on Elder Law and on May 9. Author Kevin Woyce will provide a visual discussion about the New Jersey Palisades. *Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Lodi Senior News

On November 12, 2013, the Lodi Senior Club on Walnut Place had a fabulous luncheon catered by Visentini Brothers and donated by Santangelo Funeral Home. Two large sheet cakes were donated by Louise Cangelosi and Mildred Mobilis and were enjoyed by all.

On November 13, a bus load of us left the Boys & Girls Club lot for a trip to Mr. Airy Casino. It was a fun trip. We played bingo. Had a great day (*the buffet was terrific*) and on the way home, saw the movie “The Bucket List.” It was funny and sad.

Thursdays are the usual social day where everyone is welcome and snacks are free. Non-members pay \$2 at the door for an afternoon of fun with bingo, line dancing, pool table, card playing, etc.

On December 16, 2013,

The Lodi Senior Club held their annual Christmas party at The Venetian. The food was just fantastic, as usual, and our taste buds were just exploding. DJ John had everyone dancing.

The meeting on the 10th was cancelled because of snow. Since it was the last meeting of the year, they were supposed to have a pizza party with entertainment by Artie and Jack.

Then on the 17th, the last AARP meeting was cancelled due to the weather. They were supposed to have a pizza party and entertainment by the Lodi High School chrous -- a very talented group of kids,

Oh well, it is “winter. At least everyone I talked to was busy baking and cooking. I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and wish you a Happy, Healthy New Year.” *Story by Gloria Sysak. ###*



Filling You In

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

A Reason To Smile

Replacing missing teeth can radically improve a person's smile and quality of life. Whether you're young, old, or in-between, dentures can help improve the way you look, feel, eat, and speak. It can even help your self-confidence.

What is a denture?

A denture is a custom-made removable replacement for missing teeth and adjacent tissues. It is made of acrylic resin, sometimes in combination with various metals. A full or complete denture replaces all of the teeth, while a partial denture fills in the spaces created by missing teeth and prevents other teeth from changing position.

What causes tooth loss?

Patients can become entirely edentulous (*without teeth*) due to many reasons, the most prevalent being removal because of dental disease (e.g., periodontal disease and tooth decay). Other reasons include tooth developmental defects caused by severe malnutrition, genetic defects, trauma, or drug use.

Who needs a denture?

Both younger patients and older patients can be fitted for dentures.

Candidates for complete dentures have lost most or all of their teeth. A partial denture is suitable for those who have some natural teeth remaining.

Dentures can help patients in a number of ways, including:

- Mastication—chewing ability is improved by replacing edentulous areas with dentures.
- Aesthetics—the presence of teeth provides a natural facial appearance. Wearing a denture to replace missing teeth provides support for the lips and cheeks, correcting the collapsed appearance that occurs after losing teeth.
- Phonetics—replacing missing teeth helps improve pronunciation of syllables and vowels.
- Self-esteem—patients feel better about themselves.

How do you care for dentures?

A denture is fragile, so it is important to handle it with care.

Remove and brush the denture daily, preferably with a brush designed specifically for cleaning dentures, using a denture cleanser. Never use harsh, abrasive cleansers, including toothpastes, because they may scratch the surface of the denture, leaving it susceptible to plaque and stains.

Don't sterilize your denture with boiling water because it will cause it to become warped. If you wear a partial denture, be sure to remove it before brushing your natural teeth.

Why do I have to clean my dentures?

Keeping your dentures clean is vital for good oral health and overall health. Like natural teeth, dentures attract plaque, become stained, and collect food particles that can cause bad breath or irritate your gums.

Should dentures be worn at night?

If you're new to wearing dentures, your dentist may advise you to wear it almost constantly during the first two weeks—even while you sleep.

Under normal circumstances, however, it is considered best to remove it at night. Removing the denture at night allows the gum tissue to rest and allows normal stimulation and cleansing by the tongue and saliva.

Clean your dentures in cleanser solution, as directed by your dentist. When not in use,

you should soak your dentures in water. Get in the habit of keeping the denture in the same safe and handy place to reduce the likelihood of misplacing it.

How often should I see my dentist?

It is important to continue having regular dental checkups so your dentist can examine your oral tissues for signs of disease or cancer. As you age, your mouth will continue to change. To maintain a proper fit over time, it may be necessary to adjust or possibly remake your denture. Never attempt to adjust a denture yourself. When in doubt, consult your dentist.

Ref: *Academy of General Dentistry 2013*

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Classes to try out include Yoga, Kickboxing, Zumba, SMILE, Self-Defense and Aquacise. Participants who join by February 14, 2014 will have their joiner fee waived and receive a Y T-Shirt. The Y is located at 360 Main Street, Hackensack. ###

Tai Chi Workshops

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is proud to sponsor workshops focused on Tai Chi Short Form.

These workshops are free and people of all ages are encouraged to attend. They will be held once a month in The Library's conference room located at 320 Boulevard from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Monday of every month.

However, due to the holidays in January and February, the January class will be Monday, January 13 and the February class will be Monday, February 10. Starting in March, it will resume the third Monday evening of every month. No registration is required.

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

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

Vic Hoofers

The Vic Hoofers, a ladies social club, meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Carlstadt Civic Center. Their first meeting for the new year will be on January 2, 2014, and ladies from the surrounding towns are welcome to join them for camaraderie, refreshments and fun.

A new game is played each month to be enjoyed. Please join them. Call Dolores 201-939-5163. ###

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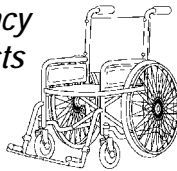
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Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Back Then...

Happy New Year 2014! If you are reading this then you are certainly starting the year off on a positive note.

I trust that in doing so you have added this practice at, or near, the top of your New Year resolution list.

For some of you out there in Artful Thinking Land a few of those resolutions have already fallen by the way side. I know folks, that mega calorie packed missile better known as a Canoli destroyed the fortress that protected your will power...perfectly understandable!

The cigarette that you gave up sure went well with that home brew you promised to push aside didn't it?

Don't punish yourself folks after all you're only human. Alas...it's not a complete loss since even at a moment of weakness you still have this column to fall back on. You can read it even while you're breaking the rest of those resolutions.

Hey just think we can meet right here faithfully for the next twelve months, sit at your kitchen table and chat over a cup of coffee and forget our troubles for a few precious moments.

You will be part of the Artful Thinking Family...now how can you break a resolution like that?

Those of you who have been reading this column over the years know that, for the most part, I write about the past...my past, your past and America's past.

When I discuss with you current affairs it's mainly to create a contrast between the "now" and the "back then."

True the term "back then" can mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people.

For some the phrase might be when cell phones were used only to make or receive calls.

For others it might refer to when telephones were plugged into the wall and had a rotary dial.

You had to share the line with others on what was called

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a "party line." It was anything but a party especially if you had to make an important call only to pick up the receiver and have it tied up by two housewives talking about a recipe over a cup of coffee. "We know you're listening" they used to tell me as I eaves dropped "we can hear you breathing!"

Back then, by the time you finished dialing the number you had forgotten why you made the call. No sooner did you reach your party when someone was telling you to hurry up and get off the line.

Yes folks there were, in fact, remote phones in those days...we called them "phone booths."

Artful Thinking family member Angelo Salvato has his own version of "back then."

To Angelo it was when he first discovered the Borough of Lodi back in 1954, after marrying a local girl by the name of Norma Perini of Washington Street.

Angelo, who was born in New York City in 1927, moved to New Jersey in 1936. After serving in the military at the end of WWII he married Miss Perini who he had met at a Passaic YMCA dance. They were married at the St. Joseph Church in September of 1953 and moved to James Place in Lodi in the spring of 1955.

Norma was a product of the Lodi school system and graduated from LHS in 1944 as class valedictorian. She became an office worker at Lodi's United Piece Dye Works and later as an executive secretary at Teterboro Aeronautics.

Angelo went to work for ITT as an electronic technician where he remained a worker in good standing for 40 years.

Angelo recalls Lodi's "old" Main Street upon which many of his memories were built.

He can still see the American Theater, Mayor Joseph Luna, Durcee's Bakery and of course the now legendary Modern Bakery where folks came from surrounding towns to buy a few dozen of those fresh baked, still warm rolls.

That was Angelo's "back

then" and he is first to admit that although some of the changes have been overwhelming he has enjoyed every one of them.

The next time you happen to be driving down Farnham Avenue, picture it being a dirt road surrounded by hills and vacant barns with no more than a house or two along the way.

Somewhere up in those rolling hills my cousin Anthony Maglionico and I, along with the rest of the kids from Westervelt Place, used to camp out, roast potatoes and drink water out of WWII canteens.

The potatoes probably came from Albano's grocery store on the corner of Arnot Street and Westervelt Place compliments of their son Rocco who was one potato short of getting his "you know what" roasted if his Mother found out. How's that for a "back then" folks?

Now this is going to sound a bit farfetched but it's true.

When I was a kid growing up on the Lodi hill, better known "back then" as Nanny Goat Hill, an old man used to pick up discarded kitchen appliances, car parts, copper tubing and glass bottles with a horse drawn reinforced wooden cart.

I'm not kidding folks, the horse had to be at least 17 hands high and had hooves the size of tennis rackets.

My Father called it a "work horse" since it was reduced to pulling all that reusable junk up and down the steep hills of Lodi.

This one particular day the horse, as it clippity clopped past my house, threw one of its shoes.

The old man climbed down from the cart picked up the large metal shoe and handed it to me. "Keep it" he said "It will bring you good luck."

Here I am sixty years later with that same horse shoe in my possession still waiting for the good luck to arrive.

Well I guess living long enough to actually write about it in this column could be considered "good luck."

In that case I'd better end this column now before my luck runs out! ###

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Have a Happy New Year

Heights Food Bank Seeks Donations

The shelves are a little sparse this holiday season. The Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry welcomes donations. Needed items include: beans, canned fruit, juices, pasta sauce, gravies, paper products, all kinds of soaps and cleaning products, shampoo, toiletries, jelly, coffee, tea, cereal, powdered milk, crackers, cookies and snacks.

The Food Bank is supported by food drives held at the Churches, schools, the Scouts, The Library and special programs, the monetary donations that buy food store gift cards and those who drop off bags of groceries at the Borough Clerk's office.

The 15-20 families who need help are very fortunate to be able to have a place to come if needed. Borough Clerk Rose Marie Sees said, "A great big thank you for your generosity. It is overwhelming and very much appreciated."

For more information, call the Borough Clerk's office at 201-288-0195. ###

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 will be 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. ###*

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

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

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

Pray for Peace

"Reflections" Seeking Immediate and Future Members

Bergen County Executive Kathleen A. Donovan announced that "Reflections," a county-sponsored community outreach program for teenagers, has immediate openings for high school 9th and 10th Graders and future openings for girls and boys in other grades.

"Reflections," in its twenty-fourth year, is a project of the Bergen County Department of Human Services, Division of Family Guidance.

Comprised of teenagers who volunteer their time to the program as a community service, the group has performed all over Bergen County for a variety of audiences including schools, community groups, parent groups, client groups and conferences.

The group presents improvised scenes based on issues that confront young people today including cyber bullying, self-esteem, peer pressure, parent/teen communication, decision-making, prejudice, dating, sexuality, substance abuse, and more.

The performances are followed by interactive discussions between members of the audience and cast members, who stay in character for the post-performance sessions.

Rehearsals are held on Tuesdays from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at One Bergen County Plaza in Hackensack. For more information, contact Staci Block, MSW, LCSW, Director, at 201-336-7361 or SBlock@co.bergen.nj.us ###

Think of three things:
Whence you came, Where you are going, And to whom you must account. B.F.



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Six-Week Bible Study at Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will hold its next Bible Study Series on six Thursday evenings, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on January 16, 23 and 30; and February 6, 20 and 27, 2014.

The Bible Study Series, "Wilderness Wisdom from Exodus and the Desert Mothers" will enable us to take a closer look at the wilderness journey of the ancient Hebrews.

It was a journey marked not only by periods of closeness to God with signs and wonders and yet it was also a journey which brought the Hebrews through times of need, frustration, uncertainty, fear, boredom, forced dependence and inscrutable Providence.

We often carry into the new year the baggage of past expectations, failures, disappointments, sinful behavior and unfulfilled hopes.

The desert or wilderness journey of the Israelites and the monastic desert experiences of the early Christians offer us wisdom for our wanderings of faith.

Paired with the wisdom sayings and the stories of the early Christian "Desert Mothers," the story of the 40 years of wandering in the wilderness found in the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy can help us discover who we are and encourage us to shed self-reliance, reorienting us toward God through prayer and listening. Along the way, we learn to take things one day at a time.

Pastor Susan Nelson-Colaneri will be the Bible Study facilitator. Sessions will be held in the multi-purpose room at Holy Trinity at 92 Burton Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights. For more information or to let us know of your interest in participating, please call the Church office at 201-288-6889. Pre-registration is not a requirement. *Story by Judy Danilchick. ###*

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Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Dinner To Honor Six in May 2014

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation will hold their annual dinner dance on Friday May 9, 20,14 at the Fiesta.

The event happens to fall on Mother's Day weekend and what better way to start than by honoring six wonderful women who just happen to also qualify as mothers!

The selection committee chose six outstanding individuals to recognize at the dinner, each has made a significant impact for Wood-Ridge students and the community.

The funds generated from the proceeds of this dinner are instrumental in enabling the Foundation to maintain the high level of scholarship awards presented to deserving students.

Once again, in June of 2014, the Foundation expects to award scholarships in excess of \$30,000 to graduating Wood-Ridge (*parochial or public high school*) seniors. These memorial awards are given in honor of some of the most respected and dynamic citizens that have graced our community.

Pat Caulfield – A resident of Wood-Ridge since 1965, Pat is best known for her work with various Assumption School and Church Ministries. She was a teacher at Assumption School for two years and served as Director of the CCD Program from 1989-2008.

She was recognized as the 1989 National Catechist of the year and was awarded a trip to Rome. While her children were students at Assumption School, Pat worked tirelessly for the Parents Guild. Pat also volunteered her services to assist the Girl and Cub Scout organizations and the Little League.

She participated in the Hands Across America project and the Wood-Ridge Centennial celebration activities. Currently, Pat works as a volunteer at HUMC one day a week and for the past 4 years she has volunteered with the Meals on a Mission program out of Garfield.

She has also been a scholarship judge for the Foundation for the past 15 years. Pat and her husband Bob of 48 years have five children and fourteen grandchildren.

Janie Feinberg – A teacher in the Wood-Ridge Public School system for 39 years, Janie has touched and changed the lives of many students.

She was selected as the Wood-Ridge Teacher of the Year in 1993 and received the Bergen County Fellowship award that same year. As a

member of the PTA she served as recording secretary, vice president and president.

Janie served as a member of the Wood-Ridge Recreation Commission, a coach for Little League, soccer, softball and has co-chaired the Ragamuffin Parade.

She also coached both the traveling soccer and softball programs. She and her husband, Barry, have two children and expect their first grandchild in February.

Susan Frattarelli – has served as a member and director of the Wood-Ridge Local Assistance Board since 1989.

She is also a member of the Bergen County Municipal Welfare Directors & Social Workers Association. She has volunteered at the Felician Sisters' Infirmary and at The Salvation Army for 25 years.

In Wood-Ridge, she is a volunteer for the Mayor's 5K Race and is the Social Service contact to the Lions Club, the Boy and Girl Scouts, Assumption Church Knights of Columbus Saint Anthony Council #11585 and Edie's Dance Factory. She and her husband, Vincent, have three children; all have been recipients of Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation Scholarships.

Jacki Goldklang – A resident of Wood-Ridge since 1978, Jacki has been involved with most of the programs involving the youth of the community. She has been a member of the Recreation Commission since 1994 and has been Recreation Commission Secretary from 2000 to present. As Director of Recreation and Senior Services, she has organized the summer recreation program and various Senior Citizen programs and events.

She has also coached twirling, indoor soccer, cheering, and softball. Jacki initiated "Teen Night" which provided a fun and safe place for teens. Jackie has also been involved as a Girl Scout leader, teacher for the Assumption CCD Program and recording secretary for the Wood-Ridge PTA. She and her husband, Ira, have four children.

Madeline Spies – A resident of Wood-Ridge since 1951 and has been a parishioner of Assumption parish for 62 years. While her children attended Assumption School, she was an active member of the Mother's Guild and part of every fund raising event held for the school. She taught CCD classes for ten years during the 1960s. Madeline cooked and

served meals for the Bergen County "Walk-In" program for many years and presently volunteers for the Meals with a Mission.

As a member of the Rosary Society, she has participated in too many events to mention. For years she has been Chairperson of the Church Environment Committee.

She helped form the Friends of The Library in 1970 and was the first president. She has been Treasurer and Membership Committee Chairperson for the past twenty years and in 2002 formed a Book Discussion Group, which is still active today! Madeline and her husband, Gene (*who passed away in 2007*), were married 61 years and have three children.

Georgette Van Saders Pflug – A 1968 graduate of Wood-Ridge High School, Georgette had a 30 year career teaching in the Wood-Ridge Public School System. The honors she received include Wood-Ridge Teacher of the Year in 1987, induction into the WRHS Athletic Hall of Fame as a coach and a member in the first class of the Bergen County Coaches Century Club, having over 100 wins as the girl's softball coach. Her teams won multiple divisional titles as well as two sectional titles. She was also the varsity girls' assistant basketball coach and the varsity cheerleaders coach for many years.

Beyond athletics, Georgette helped resurrect the high school play, was senior class advisor for 10 years and the 7th/8th Grade advisor for many years. Georgette instituted the first Wood-Ridge High School Fashion Show, which continues to this day to be an important fund raising activity for the senior class. She still serves on the High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee.

Her son, Ron Van Saders, is currently a teacher and coach in the River Dell School system. Georgette retired in 2001 and resides in South Jersey with her husband, John. She keeps herself busy as a volunteer to Caregivers and the Amici Club which assists Autistic Children.

Tickets at \$75 each will be available in February. There will be a full course dinner with beer, wine and soda included. Entertainment will be provided by The Alan Quinn Orchestra. Please save the date. If you have any questions or wish to have tickets reserved, call Jack Nagel 201-641-2803 or email janpro911@aol.com *Story by Jack Nagel. ###*

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Real Estate 101, Part 1

With the New Year just beginning and things, admittedly, a bit slow around here in frosty Bergen County, let's take time and review a few real estate basics, the benefits of home ownership.

Let's start with the advantages of "Owning a Home vs. Renting." Two things to consider here...

1. Steady Payments: One of the first differences to realize when considering owning versus renting is what happens to your payments over time?

Most bank mortgages have four parts included in their payments: principal, interest, taxes and insurance.

This is referred to as PITI. The largest portion of the payment is the principal and interest, or "PI."

If you buy a home with a fixed rate mortgage, then your PI payments will stay the same for 30 years.

The only change will be for insurance and taxes each year, but the major portion of your payment stays constant.

If you compare that to renting, most landlords raise

their rents every year with the rate of inflation. Consistency in your payment from year to year gives you stability in your family budget and the ability to plan as well as protection against inflation and higher interest rates.

2. Tax Savings. Even though there have been discussions lately in Congress about how they want to get rid of this benefit. Currently home owners still get to take advantage of this huge benefit of deducting the interest portion of our mortgage payments from our taxes.

Most renters I talk to are really unaware of this significant benefit.

See, when you rent, you are paying a mortgage payment... your landlord's. This mortgage payment includes a principal portion that pays down the balance of the loan every month, but it also includes an interest portion which pays the bank for the right to use the money.

Congress knows that there are many benefits not only to individual families, but to the national economy to increasing home ownership.

So, many years ago, the U.S. government decided that

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The Bergen County VOAD/LTRC is currently administering the Home Repair and Advocacy Program for Bergen County seniors and disabled persons.

Program Purpose: to provide home repair and advocacy for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities to replace or repair damages to their primary residences/property, but not covered through other programs. Home repairs must be essential to safely sustain the individual in their own home.

- Eligibility of Resident:

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heads of households age 60 and above or receiving Disability assistance. Renters and homeowners are eligible.

- Eligibility of Home: PRIMARY RESIDENCE ONLY. If the resident is a renter, the only services that can be provided under this program are those which are not the responsibility of the landlord.

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

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

- Required Documentation
Picture ID or passport or driver's license or other government issued picture identification

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PROOF OF DISABILITY STATUS (if applicable): award letter from Social Security office

DOCUMENTATION OF STORM-AFFECTED RESIDENT: FEMA award letter and flood insurance settlement (if applicable) and homeowner's insurance settlement (if applicable)

VERIFICATION OF PRIMARY RESIDENCE: last income tax return or deed or lease or title

APPLICATION: clients must sign the application stating that all information provided is true and accurate and that the repairs are for the client's primary residence.

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

To Apply: clients must register at the Bergen VOAD/LTRC Recovery Information Center at 221 Moonachie Road in Moonachie. Please call 201-470-3143 for an appointment for intake. To expedite your application, please bring the documents listed above. ###

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Veterans Today

By Thomas Marshall

On January 25, 2014, VFW Post 809 will host a Pasta Dinner from 5 to 9 p.m. This fundraiser is only \$8. Come out and enjoy some pasta. All are welcome.

“Don’t fire till you see the whites of their eyes.”

During the Revolution, General Nathaniel Greene had been appointed Commanding General of the Southern Army.

One of the first things he did when he took Command was to send a letter to Daniel Morgan. Morgan was a General earlier in the War. He was a Veteran of the French and Indian War. He drove wagons for General Edward Braddock in the Campaign that led to Braddock’s defeat in 1755.

During the Revolution, he fought in Quebec and at Saratoga and gave great service to the cause, but due to ill health, and a disagreement with Congress he retired in the summer of 1779.

Morgan was a hard driving, hard fighting, tough leader. Greene wanted him back. To our great luck, Morgan accepted General Greene’s request and showed up in camp at Hillsboro, North Carolina. Morgan had no money, so he brought along a horse to sell to pay for his traveling expenses. He was poor in money, but, rich in the spirit of Liberty.

General Greene had many problems. The Army was short of clothes and food. The land had been stripped bare from the recent campaign. As always, they needed more men to recruit before they could fight General Cornwallis’ Army.

Greene separated his small army in two. This is a dangerous move but, he had little choice. It would be easier to feed them if they were not altogether. On December 20, 1780, he sent General Morgan, with four regiments of infantry and one company of rifles, along with Colonel William Washington’s Calvary, to Fort Ninety Six. They can take forage along the way, boost the morale of the troops and take the fort if possible.

In Camden, South Carolina General Cornwallis was recovering from a fever. Sick as he was, he recognized an opportunity when he saw one.

He sent the Seventh Royal Fusiliers, the 71st Highlanders, the 17th light Dragoons, and the British Legion along with two three pound cannons, about 750 men in all, under the Command of Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton, to defeat Morgan.

Tarleton was no stranger

to the Americans. He had a reputation of being brave in battle. He was a fast riding, hard charging and swift to attack Commander.

He also had a reputation of executing prisoners after they surrendered. His men were reported to have bayoneted wounded men on the ground after the battle of the Waxhaws.

Morgan moved south and crossed over the Broad River in South Carolina. Messengers came to camp reporting Tarleton’s approach. Here, Morgan paused.

He selected a piece of open ground next to the Pacolet River and the Broad River and prepared to fight. This piece of land was used for the cattle to graze and was called the Cowpens by the locals. He knew the Militia had a habit of running.

He made the controversial decision of putting the Broad River in behind them. He risked complete destruction with no place to retreat.

On the night of January 16, 1781 Morgan went to each camp and told them the Militia would be in the front line. He told them to fire three times and fall back behind the main line.

All night he encouraged his men. He told them he would “crack a whip over Ben Tarleton in the morn, as sure as they lived.” “Hold your head up boys.” “Three fires and you will be free.” “The day would be ours.” Telling them, “God helps those that help themselves.” The men took heart and prepared for battle.

Early on the morning of January 17, 1781, Morgan’s pickets and scouts were driven in by Tarleton’s approach.

General Dan Morgan never blinked, didn’t waver, and true to his spirit woke his men with a thunderous shout. “Up boys... Benny’s coming”.

He placed Maryland and Delaware Continental troops on his main line. With them on the left were Virginia and Georgia Militia. Virginia Continentals anchored the right of his main line.

He put North and South Carolina Militia along with Virginia Militia in front of the main line, then 150 skirmishers about 150 yards in front of the second line. Each line was about 150 yards apart.

His Calvary was placed in the rear to be used wherever they would be needed.

It was bitterly cold that morning as Lt. Col. Banastre Tarleton moved onto the battlefield and put his troops in one line with the two cannons in the center.

He kept the 71st as a reserve and put Dragoons on each of his flanks.

Tarleton was used to fighting Militia that ran away, so he sent his line forward even when not everyone was ready.

His field pieces fired from the center. These did little damage to the Americans. As the British line moved closer, Morgan rode among the troops saying, “don’t fire till you see the whites of their eyes.”

The Americans fired first with a few shots then the entire line fired. The British troops with disciplined precision fired as one solid unit. The skirmishers as planned moved into the Militia’s line.

The shooting on the front lasted till the British charged with the bayonets. Andrew Pickens, who was in charge of the Militia, moved his front line Militia, as planned to the left side of the Continental line. Before they could get there, the British Dragoons charged them slashing with sabers and knocking men down with their horses.

Col. William Washington seeing this charged with his own Calvary.

Witnesses reported an unbelievable violent clash of horses and sabers. Men fell from their horses, shot, stabbed and wounded. The British Dragoons not able to withstand the counter attack were driven from the field with Washington’s men in pursuit.

Morgan’s main line was now engaged all along the front, shooting from one end of the line to the other. Morgan rode along the line screaming to his men, “one more fire boys and the day is ours. Old Morgan has never been beaten.”

Tarleton, seeing his Dragoons in flight sent in his reserve, on the field of battle marched the 71st Highlanders.

Lt. Col. John Edgar Howard seeing the 71st moving onto the field ordered the Virginia Continentals to change their front so they don’t get outflanked. The order was misunderstood and the Virginian troops began to retreat.

General Morgan rode up and asked what was happening and Howard told him all was under control, the men misunderstood. Morgan rode to a point he wanted them to be and they formed the new front line.

This maneuver was seen by the British and they assumed the Americans were retreating. So they charged forward.

When they came over the small hill they found not retreating troops but troops in an orderly battle line. The Virginians fired a devastating volley and British troops dropped all

around.

Lt. Col. Howard seeing this ordered a bayonet charge. The Continentals surged forward with a shout and the British retreated in disorder.

Howard called to Captain Ewing to take the guns. Ewing and his men fought in hand-to-hand combat with the gun crews. The cannons were taken. In a display of magnificent heroism, not one of the British gun crews ran from the field. All fifty men fell at the side of their guns.

Science takes over. A body in motion wants to stay in motion. Once the British began to retreat Tarleton could not stop them. Those that were not captured ran down the road whence they came. Tarleton soon followed.

Gen. Dan Morgan had beaten the hated Tarleton. The battle of Cowpens cost the British 110 dead, 702 prisoners, two three pound cannon, 35 wagons and baggage, and large quantities of ammunition. The Americans had 12 men killed and 60 wounded.

Gen. Dan Morgan didn’t take Fort Ninety Six, but he did one better. Lord Charles Cornwallis lost men and material he could not replace.

This battle helped put Lord Charles and his army on the road to Yorktown. This January on the 17th, take time to remember General Daniel Morgan and his men. They showed the best in the American fighting spirit, on a cold winter’s day, in a back country piece of land, known as the Cowpens. ###

VFW Post 809 Monthly Meetings

VFW Post 809 monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Post, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry. The kitchen is open to all members from 1 to 9 p.m.

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) hold their meetings at this Post the third Monday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m.

The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) hold their meetings at this Post on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30 p.m. ###



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Post 310 welcomes New Members

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

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They welcome any Veteran and non-Veteran who would like to become a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 800.

For more information go to: <http://www.vvachapter800.org/> or email: als69vet@optonline.net ###

DAV Meets

The Disabled American Veterans, Bergen County Chapter 15 invites Veterans who have incurred disabilities as a result of their services 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.

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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, USSVI National Secretary, calling the program to order.

There was the Presentation of The Colors. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brianna Conlon and Tommy Vinacco. Bagpiper Steve Eltringham played, followed by the Invocation by Leslie Altschuler, Commander, USSVI NJ-North Base. Remarks were made by Bergen County Executive Kathleen Donovan and Freeholder Maura DeNicola. It was a solemn moment when Leslie Altschuler read the names of the "WWII Boats on Eternal Patrol," and the bell was tolled.

The wreath was stationed beneath the flag pole by Jerry Mattice and Don Eckels of Submarine Veterans WWII NJ, Gudgeon Chapter. Valentine Koltunowicz, Buglers of America, played "Taps," and Leslie Altschuler gave the Benediction.

Special mention was made for Basil E. Kio, who died in August at age 88, was past president of the Submarine Veterans of World War II, and usually a speaker at this annual service, and Carlo M. Carlucci who died in August. Conlon said, "they departed on eternal patrol."

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

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It was reported that a Wallington ambulance, with the lights and sirens activated, was traveling north taking a patient to HUMC, when cut off by another vehicle.

The ambulance veered into the southbound lane where it

first struck a parked vehicle and proceeded up onto the sidewalk, continued traveling until it struck a vehicle stopped at Lincoln Avenue.

Firefighters and EMTs secured the vehicles and attended to the injured. Five patients, three from the ambulance and two in the car stopped at the corner, were transported to HUMC, with moderate injuries, by ambulances from Wood-Ridge and Hasbrouck Heights. *Photos by Dennis Krontak Sr. ###*



Bakery Fire Draws Mutual Aid

On Saturday, December 7, 2013, at about 9:30 p.m., Moonachie Fire Department responded to Leonard Novelty Bakery on Empire Boulevard for a two-alarm electrical fire.

Moonachie Fire Chief Victor Migliorino said a machine's electric motor caught fire and melted a 50-gallon garbage can next to it.

The fire was contained to the machinery and surrounding combustibles by the building's

sprinkler system.

Between 30 and 45 firefighters from Moonachie, Carlstadt, Little Ferry, South Hackensack and Wood-Ridge searched for victims, extinguished the blaze and vented. No injuries were reported.

The fire comes after the wholesale bakery reopened in February after suffering \$5 million in damages from Superstorm Sandy. *Photos by Dennis Krontak Sr. ###*

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Heights Starts
CERT Program

Twenty-five Hasbrouck Heights residents completed CERT Training Classes (*Community Emergency Response*

Team) to prepare them for emergency and disaster situations. Mayor Rose Heck, several Council members and Police Officers attended the course. The course was taught

by Emergency Management consultant and retired Bergen County Sgt. Barry Leventhal. CERT members work under the Office of Emergency Management led by Police Chief Michael Colaneri.

CERT Volunteers go through an eight week program (20 hours of training). Using the training learned in the classroom and exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or

workplace, following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. (*Related story: Little Ferry CERT in Action, The Gazette Newspaper, March 2013, pgae 21.*) ###



Heights Police
Recognized

On December 10, 2013, at the regular Mayor and Council meeting, several Hasbrouck Heights Police Officers were recognized for their extra efforts and accomplishments during the past few years. As an expression of the town’s appreciation, merit certificates were presented to the officers by Mayor Rose Heck, Police Commissioner Justin DiPisa and Deputy Police Commissioner David Gonzalez, with ribbons presented by Chief Michael Colaneri. ###

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