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Santa fly into Teterboro on November 30, to visit the children at the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum. See story on page 18.

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Didn't we just ponder the selection of our Christmas tree, carried our treasure home, spent hours dressing it with twinkling lights and heirloom decorations?
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Continue the joy of this season, and the magic it promises, into the New Year. Continue to keep the spirit of Goodwill towards all throughout the year. *The true meaning of the season should live on!*

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Meadowlands YMCA Celebrates the "Moments That Make the Mission" & Honors Community Leaders

The 99th Anniversary Gala raised over \$130,000 to support the Meadowlands YMCA's mission.

Over 250 guests came together at Il Villaggio in Carlstadt, NJ to honor Joseph M. Sanzari, owner and founder of Joseph M. Sanzari, Inc., Craig Montanaro, President and CEO of Kearny Bank, Yan Moshe, Hudson Regional Hospital's Chairman of the Board, and the Honorable Robert and Camille Guida, former Bergen County judge and community advocate.

The signature fundraising event supports the Meadowlands YMCA's mission to build a stronger community and make more moments possible for those in need throughout Bergen County. With these funds, the Y is able to provide chronic disease programs, offer free classes for active older adults, provide families access to food, clothes, and resources that help them in times of crisis, and much more.

Each of the evening's honorees received Core Value awards that acknowledged their commitment to the community. Carlstadt native, Joseph Sanzari, upon his Caring Award spoke of his first time visiting the Meadowlands Y.

"You know, I thought a

YMCA was just a place for Award, the Honorable Robert young men to come. But I'm walking around the facility and I see a baby being fed a bottle while their parents are at work, I see seniors lifting weights, and middle-aged people working out doing something they like. This YMCA is not a one-way street. Everyone can come here and have a life. It's for everyone in the community and beyond. Whether you're a newborn or a senior citizen, they are there to help you and I'm proud to be involved."

After being presented with the Respect Award from his colleague and Meadowlands YMCA Vice Chairman, John Mazur, Craig Montanaro spoke of the first grant application he received from the Meadowlands YMCA. "Back in 2003, I thought it was incredible when I learned what the Y does what they do; reaching all the people they do with programs for young and old, all without a building. It was an incredible organization back then and they're spectacular now with the new facility. They're doing even more for people of all ages."

Recipients of the Honesty

and Camille Guida have been connected to the Meadowlands YMCA and the surrounding community for many years. Mrs. Guida was one of the founders of the Anniversary Gala in 2010 when she sat on the Board of Directors and the Gala Committee. Although she retired from those positions in 2018, she still volunteers at the Y today, teaching fitness classes for active older adults at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

Yan Moshe, recipient of the Responsibility Award spoke of how both the Meadowlands YMCA and Hudson Regional Hospital are working to increase the access to vital health and wellness services in the Meadowlands region. Both of these organizations are entering new phases, expanding what they can offer to local residents, working to create a healthier community.

Proceeds from the evening benefited the Meadowlands YMCA's Family Success Center. The Family Success Center is a "one-stop shop" that provides wrap-around resources and support to create better opportunities for Bergen

County families. Since 2012, their work has benefitted more than 2,400 families, creating a stronger community that is able to prevail through the unique challenges of the present day.

The success of the 99th Anniversary Gala provides a strong foundation for the Meadowlands YMCA's 2019 Year-End Giving Campaign. As a 501c3 nonprofit, the funds raised empower the Y to support the community and provide life-changing opportunities regardless of the ability to pay. ###



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The First Presbyterian Church in Rutherford held Thanksgiving Dinner at their Parish House from 1 to 3 p.m. About 35 to 40 volunteers prepared a turkey dinner with all the fixings, dessert and beverages, with entertainment following. Turkeys were donated. About 175+ Thanksgiving Dinners were served. This program began seven years ago in 2012 to support Sandy victims. ###



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NewARTS Kids

Do you have an aspiring young artist in the family?

Care on the Corner announces the Winter Session of NewARTS Kids, an art program for children ages 6 - 11.

Each lesson is designed to motivate young artists by focusing on the basics. Children are introduced to art through fun, educational lessons in drawing and painting. Students will explore a different medium each week -- acrylics, colored pencils, oil pastels, pen & ink, and watercolors – to stimulate their imagination and creative expression.

Winter Session 2020

• January 9: Winter Landscape - Acrylic.

• January 16: Watercolor Snowflakes

• January 23: Winter Snowglobe Art – Mixed Media.

Thursdays, 4 to 5 p.m., 6 to 8 year olds.

Thursdays, 5 to 6 p.m., 9 to 11 year olds.

We are excited to have Debra M. Cook as our teacher! Debra has been teaching ART to children since 1996. Making art, exploring new ideas, and being creative – Debra makes it all fun!

The group will meet in the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, the corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues, Hasbrouck Heights NJ 07604. Call the Care Center at 201-288-9460 to register. Tuition is \$60 and includes all materials. Feel free to inquire about the scholarships that are available. ###

Adult ESL Classes

Registration and Testing will take place on Wednesdays, January 15 and 22, 2020, from 6:30 to 8 p.m., at the Care Center, 333 Franklin Avenue Hasbrouck Heights, NJ. All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. New students must

Care On The Corner Tutoring Program

Care on the Corner is pleased to announce the winter schedule for our tutoring program. Our goal is to help children in Grades 2 through 5 who have academic challenges to understand the importance of learning and acquiring good study skills.

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

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

Our next session starts on January 8 and goes through February 12, 2020. Classes are held in the Care on the Corner facility, 333 Franklin Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

For more information, call the Care Center at 201-288-9460. There is a \$42 fee with scholarships available. ###

Kids on the Corner Performing Arts

Care on the Corner announces the Winter 2020 program for Kids on the Corner, a Performing Arts Program for children in Grades 2 to 7. This session marks the 39th production of Kids on the Corner. The goal of Kids on the Corner is to educate and enlighten children about different art forms and cultural experiences.

The Performing Arts group meets on Fridays from 3:30 to 6 p.m., on February 7 - March 20, 2020 *(no class on Feb. 21).*

Under the direction of Cindy Summers, participants will tell the story of "Shrek." Then, on Friday, March 20, 2020 at 7 p.m., the group will showcase their hard work with a performance which is open to the public!

The group will meet at the Parish Hall of St. John the Divine, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604. Call 201-288-9460 to register, or download an application form from www.careonthecorner.org. There is a \$35 registration fee. Scholarships are available. ###





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Call Mrs. Susan Lacey at 201-641-5833 ext. 109 for the Pre-school registration process. Children who will be 4 years old on or before October 1, 2020 are eligible for Pre-school.

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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, call 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$15 registration and materials fee, must be completed for each student. Financial assistance is available. ###

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Maywood **Seniors Hear From County** Clerk

Bergen County Clerk John S. Hogan addressed the members of the Maywood Seniors at their meeting on November 20, 2019. At that time, he briefly discussed the services of his office and the future plans for elections. He did say that in the near future the present voting machines will be replaced and a voter, when voting, will have the opportunity to select the language, their ballot will appear to them at that time.

His staff was also on hand to distribute Golden Key Discount Cards to those members who were interested. The benefits of this card are that seniors will be eligible to receive discounts at many businesses and organizations located throughout Bergen County by showing the card instead of carrying around other important documents. These photo cards are available to all Bergen County residents who are at least 60 years old. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###



Maywood Senior Thanksgiving Luncheon

Family members of the Vander Plaat Memorial Home of Paramus hosted the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for the members of the Maywood Seniors on November 25, 2019. The program began with a welcome from Mina Kozma, Community Event Coordinator. This was followed by the Pledge of Alliance, and singing the Star-Spangled Banner. Jonathan Vander Platt gave the Invocation and Reverend Stephen E. Sweet gave the Thanksgiving message

The meal was catered by the Fiesta Banquets in Wood-Ridge. The food served was turkey, ham, ziti, stuffing, carrots, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce and rolls. The meal was enjoyed by all. The leftovers were raffled off.

Throughout the afternoon, all were entertained by the Alan and Jeannine Duo, who did a good job to keep all in the festive mood. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###



Maywood Seniors Learn About **Medical Care** Home Program

On December 4, 2019, at the Maywood Senior Meeting, Dan Medina, Market Director at Dispatch Health, presented a program about the services of his organization. He stated that Dispatch Health is a program that helps you skip the trip to the emergency room or urgent care center and let a qualified medical team come to treat you at your home.

Common ailments include: complex injuries or illnesses, they are prepared to treat fevers, coughs, colds, the flu, urinary tract infections, rashes, lesions, lacerations, cuts that need stitches, strep throat, ear and sinus infections, and nosebleed. They also treat digestive problems, eye infections, respiratory problems, etc.

Once you contact them, one of their specialists will talk you through your symptoms to understand what is wrong and make sure Dispatch Health can help. They will also advise you if your insurance will accept their services. You will be seen by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner, along with a medical technician. An on-call physician is also available at all times via the phone.

Any questions, call 201-882-7526. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church's From the Porch Ministry reminds all that any donations of non-perishable food items for the local food bank may be left in the box on the porch at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. If you have any questions or would like additional information, go to our website at www.holytrinityhasbrouckheights.com or call 201-288-6889 or look for Holy Trinity, Hasbrouck Heights on Facebook. ###

Stitch One, Share One

The Stitch One, Share One group will meet on Sunday, January 19, 2020 between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of every month unless otherwise noted.

Stitch One, Share One recently joined with WELCA, the Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and completed 38 scarves, 2 hats and 13 fleece blankets for PERC, the Palisades Emergency Residence Corporation. Come to help with our projects or to work on your own.

In January, we will be discussing new projects we plan to work on in the coming year. Meet wonderful women who enjoy sharing their talents and who will become friends. Look for our sign; we are barrier-free! ###

Park Avenue Toastmasters

Looking to develop speaking and leadership skills? Ace a job interview? Ignite your career? Toastmasters International is a world leader in communication and leadership development. The Park Avenue Toastmasters will meet at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library on Monday, January 6, 2020, from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. ###

Mothers of Pre-schoolers

We hope one of your 2020 resolutions is to take better care of yourself by coming to MOPS! Moms of kids ages 0-6 from any town are welcome to attend.

Next event on January 23, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m. Please RSVP by January 21, so we have enough yummy snacks for you.

Event hosted by Bible Baptist Church, 31 Passaic Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. Free MOPS Kids childcare provided by RSVP only.

Monthly Friday morning get together and outings too. For more info: hasbrouckhtsmops@gmail.com; 862-239-MOPS; Fb – Hasbrouck Heights Mothers of Preschoolers MOPS ###

Writers Wanted at The Library

Writers from all walks of life are invited to join the Authors and Writers Group at The Hasbrouck Heights Library. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020, from 7 to 9 p.m., in the large meeting room. Participants can bring their work for review and critique, or come to listen and give advice to others. As time permits, discussions will be held on topics such as publishing trends and marketing. ###

Collecting Diapers

Assumption Parish community will observe AIDS Compassion Weekend at all the Sunday and anticipated Masses on February 22-23, 2020.

As part of the program, Assumption AIDS Ministry, at all the Masses during the weekend of January 25-26, 2020, will collect diapers for the Pediatric AIDS Clinic at St. Joseph's Hospital in Paterson, for children born with the AIDS virus. ###

Art Association of Rutherford

The Art Association of Rutherford will be having its January meeting on Thursday January 9, 2020., starting at 7:30 p.m. Jasma will be modeling for free and we will have a still-life available also so everyone can practice their skills. Skilled members are available for help and advice! Some materials provided, or bring your own. All are welcome! We ask a \$3 non-mandatory donation from non-members to defray costs.

Tamblyn Civic Center, 30 Woodland Avenue, Rutherford, NJ, starting 7:30. Hope to see you there! Contact Lissanne at lissanneart@gmail.com for more information. ###

Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Friday, January 10, 2020, at 2:23 p.m. It is called the "Full Wolf Moon." or Storm Moon. In January the stormy weather earned this moon its name.

Snow covered the earth and the howling of wolves could be heard echoing through the cold winter air. Some tribes called this the Snow Moon, but that name was more commonly used for the February moon.

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

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

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• Carlstadt: Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at 1 p.m., in Council Chambers.

• East Rutherford: Wednesday, January 1, 2020, at 11 a.m., in Council Chambers.

• Hasbrouck Heights: Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers.

• Little Ferry: Friday,

January 3, 2020, at 7 p.m., in Council Chambers.

• Moonachie: Sunday, January 5, 2020, at 2 p.m., in the Muncipal Center.

• Rutherford: Friday, January 3, 2020, at 6 p.m., in Council Chambers.

• Wood-Ridge: Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at 2 p.m., in Council Chambers. ###

Lodi KC Pancake Breakfast Jan. 12

The St. Michael's Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their monthly buffet-style Family Breakfast on Sunday, January 12, 2020, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at 39 Washington Street, Lodi. Menu includes: all-you-can-eat fresh scrambled eggs, pancakes, French toast (to order), sausage, hash browns, fresh rolls, orange juice, fresh hot coffee, and tea. Adults: \$6; children over 6: \$4; children 6 and under: free. Profits to benefit local charities. ###

New Year's Eve Party

The Carlstadt Mixed Chorus is hosting a Gala New Year's Eve Party on December 31, 2019, starting at 7 p.m., at the Carlstadt Turn Hall, 500 Broad Street. This lavish cocktail party features drinks, Viennese table, coffee, tea, etc. Champagne at Midnight. Music by "Madel Jager." Donation \$90 pp. Evening attire requested. For reservations, call 973-773-9347 before December 18. 2019. ###

PNCC Beefsteak Dinner Jan. 4

On Saturday, January 4, 2020, PNCC of the Transfigu-Wallington, NJ, will hold a \$50, reservations only. Deadline is December 31, 2019. Proceeds to benefit Church building fund.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. tickets contact Leslie at 201-393-0696. ###

Squadron 310 Valentine's Party

On February 8, 2020, American Legion Post 310, at 100 Liberty Street, Little Ferry, will host a Valentine's Fundraiser Party starting at 7 p.m. All proceeds go to Veterans and children's programs.

Food, beer, wine and soda will be served. Tickets are \$20. Advance sales only, no tickets will be sold at the door or on the day of the event. No refunds. Music by DJ Jack Jam. Every lady gets a rose! Any questions, call 201-807-0470. ###

Sweetheart **Tricky Tray**

On Friday, February 7, 2020, St. Frances de Sales Church, at 125 Union Street, will host the Annual Sweetheart Tricky Tray. Cost is \$10 pp. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Coffee and dessert provided. For tickets and information, call 973-779-4430. ###

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Free Lunch Saturday

Everyone is invited to the ration, at 135 Hathaway Street, First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie for the "Free Lunch Beefsteak Dinner. Tickets are Saturday" program, which will be held on January 4, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. This hot lunch features "Homemade soup and sandwiches."

This program is an expan-Dinner served at 7:30 p.m. For sion of the Church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts. If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come for the food and fellowship. There are no strings attached. A free-will offering is taken.

> We will also collect food and non-perishable items for the Center for Food Action (CFA). ###

Kip Center Monthly Casino Trip

The Kip Center hosts a Sands Casino Trip the second Monday of every month. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the Kip Center, 55 Kip Avenue, Rutherford. The cost is \$35. You will get \$25 back when you arrive. 55 Kip Members first priority, but spaces are generally available for your friends. Reserve early. New to the Kip Center? Give it a try, there is always something going on. Call 201-460-1600 for information. ###

Casino Bus Trips

The VFW Post 4591, Hasbrouck Heights, sponsors bus trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 10 a.m. and returns at about 9-9:30 p.m.

Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###

Ham Luncheon

The Ladies Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Carlstadt will be sponsoring their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 in the Community Hall on Third Street in Carlstadt. Ham dinners will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children/ students. Call the Church office at 201-438-5526 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays, for information or, in case of inclement weather call between 9:30 and 1:30 p.m. ###

HH Music Parents Hold Food Drive

The HH Music Parents Association will hold a Peanut Butter and Jelly Food Drive from February 1 through February 28, 2020. This drive is to benefit Meals with a Mission in Garfield. To make a donation, there will be collection boxes in the Municipal Building and Corpus Christi Chapel lobby. ###

Dinner Dance March 1

On March 1, 2020, from 1 to 5 p.m., The Bergen County American Legion, Sons of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary will host a Dinner Dance at the Graveliff.

Menu includes Caesar Salad, Penne w/Vodka Sauce, choice of Prime Rib/Chicken San Marco/Tilapia Francese, dessert, coffee, tea, soda, water and assorted bottled beer.

Cost is \$45 pp. Deadline is February 20, 2020. Reservations only. Ad journal opportunities available. For more information, call Linda and Mike Carroll at 201-933-1814. ###

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Take out is also available. Soda and water included with the price of admission. There will be a Cash Bar. Proceeds will go to various charities. Tickets are \$20 in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brad Vaughn at 201-376-3071. ###

Artful Thinking

By Artie Maglionico • Lodi Historian

Happy New Year! I'm going to start 2020 off by giving an Artful Thinking salute to Lodi school crossing guards Donna Miller, Charnette Jones, Traci De Carlo Caroselli, Bill De Marco and while I'm at it, crossing guards across this great land of ours. Thank you for getting our children to and from school safely. Keep up the good work.

I have written more than a few columns these past many years and the fact that I'm still at it means that you are enjoying these monthly journeys into the glorious past.

Of all of them, the one that has really hit home, at least according to you and my friend, Gladys, is the story about the "Girl with Red Hair." What is it about that particular column that has seemed to touch so many hearts? Only you, the reader, can answer that question.

Perhaps the story brings back childhood memories of your own when innocence had yet to give way to experience and dreams actually came true on a daily basis. What's not to like about that? Yes there really was a girl with red hair and she embodied all that was sacred and beautiful to a kid growing up in the 50s and early 60s.

She, with her fiery red locks glistening in the midmorning sun, symbolized the quintessential innocence of that time and space. But there was an urgency connected to all of it for within that garden of dreams were planted the seeds of change.

Soon there would be no more open fields to run through, no more hillsides to conquer, no more school yards to play in and no more girl with red hair. If I keep returning to that place it's because, like you, I'm drawn to it like a bumble bee to a cherry blossom. There hides the very nectar of childhood and as the years have taken me away still I ask. "Why did it have to end?" In reality the entire "girl with red hair" experience lasted only a matter of weeks but they were magical weeks indeed. I'm sure that you had similar experiences descending upon your own childhood as if those particles of love were tossed overboard from a passing dream boat. You see that's why you keep coming back to this column. It's actually a safe way to return to the past and to feel a

certain sense of joy upon your return. Is that how you feel about it Gladys?

I have a book of unpublished poems titled "The Poetry of Westervelt Place." It is more or less a condensed version of the "Growing up on Westervelt Place" series that you have been reading over the years.

Yes, it includes "The Girl with Red Hair." Perhaps this spring I can meet you at The Lodi Library and share them with you, we'll talk more about that next month.

And for those of you who are wondering... yes there really is a "cousin Anthony." In fact, he's the one who introduced me to the girl with red hair. If you have any further questions on the topic, as usual, you can ask him.

The only drawback about dipping into the past is that the time comes when your memory well runs dry. By the way how did you like my three part Christmas story. Now I know how Charles Dickens felt. As I was writing I kept asking "Did I dream all of this." Then I really do have to ask my cousin Anthony.

Sometimes the past is rather bland so it has to be spiced up a little. I mean who wants to read about a few kids sitting on the corner store steps waiting for the Pepsi struck to stop and give away free samples that never arrived. But what if it did? That's when the story begins.

So what does the future hold? The past no doubt. So I hope I put a few of your questions to rest folks.

We want to start the New Year off with a fresh start. It's all ahead of us and our aim is to enjoy as much of the coming year as possible without hurting ourselves.

Oh! before I go, I want to say hello to my readers from surrounding towns. Remember that you're in on this as well. This year my aim is to reach beyond the Lodi border and see what's happening in your neck of the woods. If I stick my neck out too far I'm sure you'll let me know.

Hasbrouck Heights Garden Club

The first meeting of 2020 will be held on Wednesday, January 15, at the Borough Hall, 320 Boulevard, on the second floor in The Library Meeting Room across the hall from The Library entrance. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Marc Gussen, Director - Closter Nature Center. Mr. Gussen has been presenting environmental education programs to children and adults for over twenty years. He obtained a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University, where he had the opportunity to conduct hydroponics research for NASA's Mars Space Station project. He enjoys sharing his knowledge and enthusiasm on topics ranging from wildlife and mycology to Native American primitive skills and hydroponics.

About HHGC: The HHGC was established in January 1998 and is still going strong with over 30 members from Hasbrouck Heights and surrounding towns. The Club has always welcomed the public to all meetings. The Club has introduced many interesting speakers for home gardeners, explaining how to take care of their gardens and houseplants, how to prepare the soil for planting and when to plant, when and how to prune shrubs, what flowers do well in this area of NJ, and mostly encourages using plants that are native to New Jersey. Also, they have had speakers on container gardening.

Ongoing Projects: Through the generosity of the Chamber of Congress members, and private donors and DPW, the "Boulevard in Bloom" project began in the spring of 2008. Fifty planters

> January Flower Carnation or Snow Drop

were purchased and displayed on the Boulevard with colorful flowers that were taken care of throughout the season by members of the Garden Club and watering by the DPW. Several merchants have also made sure they are well watered. The planters are filled by the Garden Club members and delivered by the DPW in May and removed in October and placed in storage for the following May.

The cost of filling a pot is approximately \$50 and filled with about 10 plants in each planter. Donations for this ongoing project are always appreciated.

Garden of the Season: The Garden of the Season Award was developed in 2013 to acknowledge home gardeners whose yards and gardens display exceptional effort, skill and/or creativity. Potential gardens are nominated by Club members or private citizens and are reviewed and voted on by the Garden of the Season Committee. Winners become stewards of a Garden of the Season plaque to display throughout their winning season and are awarded a certificate from the Garden Club in addition to free membership for a year.

Activities: On Town Day and the Street Fair, the gardeners pot-up plants from their own gardens and also cuttings from their own houseplants for sale. The proceeds from these activities go towards speakers for the upcoming year.

Membership: All are welcome to join our Garden Club. Come to our January meeting and find out more information. We have several members from surrounding towns. There is ample parking and an elevator available to all. For more information, contact Judy Mascis at 201-288-2615. ###





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Thyroid Cancer Support Group

Thyroid Cancer Survivors' Association, Inc. will meet on Thursday, January 2, 2020, from 6-8 p.m., at The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library. All are welcome. No registration required. ###

Drug or Alcohol **Issues?**

The Englewood Chapter of Families Anonymous meets Friday evenings, at 7:45 p.m., in Room 5503 of Englewood Hospital, 35 Engle Street, Englewood, NJ 07631. Families Anonymous is a 12 step fellowship for the family and friends of those individuals with drug, alchohol, or related behavioral issues. We are here to help. 201-747-1153. ###

Taizé Evening **Prayer Service**

Our upcoming evening Taizé prayer services will be January 7, 2020, at 7 p.m., at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. The Taizé service includes 30 minutes of prayer, simple chant and silence; a peaceful respite to the busy demands of everyday life. Prayers for healing and renewal, with laying on of hands, conclude each service. Our Taizé prayer service takes place on the first Tuesday of every month between October and June. ###

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Oral Health As We Age

As we ring in a New Year, we are also reminded of the opportunity to set healthy goals as we are a year older. Prevention and management of oral conditions will prove to be helpful in maintaining quality of living.

The aging population in the United States is growing. Older patients should know that maintaining good oral health is vital to having a healthy smile and optimal overall health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), oral pain, difficulty eating (due to missing teeth, ill-fitting dentures, cavities and gum disease) and tooth loss are all signs of oral health problems in aging adults.

Your dentist can help prevent and detect these oral health problems.

What oral conditions am I more prone to as I age?

• Dental caries. Dental caries (tooth decay) is one of the main causes of tooth loss, or edentulism. About 23 million people are completely edentulous (toothless), according to the American College of Prosthodontists.

• Periodontal disease. Periodontal disease (gum disease) is a chronic bacterial infection that affects the gums and bone supporting your teeth. According to CDC, in 2012, one out of every two American adults age 30 and older have had gum disease, which can lead to tooth loss.

• Xerostomia (dry mouth). When the salivary glands do not work properly, the amount of saliva in the mouth decreases, resulting in dry mouth, which can lead to decay. Prescription and over-the-counter medications are the most common cause of dry mouth. Dry mouth can make it difficult to eat, swallow, taste and speak.

Oral cancer. Oral cancer

oral sores that bleed easily or don't heal; lumps, thickening, rough spots or crusty or eroded areas in your mouth; or difficulty swallowing, chewing, speaking, or moving your jaw or tongue. Your dentist should perform a head and neck exam to screen for oral cancer during your routine checkups.

How can I maintain my oral health as I age?

• Avoid tobacco, which is a risk factor for periodontal disease and oral cancer, and limit alcohol, which is also an oral cancer risk factor.

• Drink fluoridated water and use fluoride toothpaste to protect against decay.

• Practice good oral hygiene. Brushing your teeth with a soft-bristled brush for two minutes twice a day, and flossing between teeth, can help remove plaque. If you wear dentures, brush them every day to remove food particles and plaque and to prevent staining. Before inserting your dentures, brush your gums, tongue and the roof of your mouth with a soft-bristled brush to stimulate tissue circulation and remove plaque.

• Visit your dentist at least twice a year. People who do not have teeth still need to visit the dentist regularly, since denture adjustments and oral cancer screenings are part of routine dental visits. Older patients who are planning to enter a nursing home should ask about on-site dental care.

What if arthritis makes brushing my teeth difficult? If you have arthritis and brushing your teeth is painful for you, you can try securing your toothbrush to a wider object, such as a ruler, or try an electric toothbrush. Talk with your dentist for more suggestions to manage any challenging oral conditions and strategies to prevent other conditions from



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W-R Memorial Foundation Announces 2020 Honorees

Wood-Ridge Memorial Foundation President Paul Calocino announced at the Foundation fall meeting the names of the 2020 Honorees that will be recognized at the annual dinner dance on Friday March 13, 2020.

Bonnie Campagna – A teacher at the Catherine E. Doyle School since 2002, has been involved with the community and school system in a variety of ways.

She has been active with the PTA in a wide range of duties, including multiple years as president, chairing fund-raising activities and as an Executive Board member. She is currently the liaison between the teachers and the PTA. Bonnie was active with the Girl Scout program and with the Wood-Ridge Recreation Cheerleading program for 8 years. Bonnie and her husband, Vinny, and daughter, Ariana, have lived in Wood-Ridge for 17 years.

Elizabeth Ferry - A lifelong resident of Wood-Ridge, graduated WRHS as Salutatorian in 1991 and was the recipient of a Memorial Foundation award. She continued her education and received her BS degree from Stevens Institute of Technology in 2000. After several years in the work force, she began her first love and calling, to help others. She received her Paramedic Certification from Hudson Community College/ Jersey City Medical Center in 2016. During this time she was a substitute teacher at WRHS as well as a cook at the Girl Scout Camp and at Metlife Stadium in the safety services area. She began her volunteer career with the Wood-Ridge EMS and Fire Department in 1994. She served as EMS Captain in 2000-01 and rose through the ranks in the Fire Department, attaining the rank of Chief in 2019. She recently celebrated 25 years with the Department. She assisted Association's Heart Challenge. her family with the raising of over 100 foster children which Both are lifelong residents of brought great satisfaction in

how they enriched her life. She is currently employed with University Hospital in Newark as a Paramedic.

Debra Greenaway - An active member of the community since 1997, when she and her husband, Larry, moved into the community and raised their two sons, Lawrence and Brandon. Debra was no stranger to Wood-Ridge having grown up in the Borough. She has served terms as president of the Board of Health and is still a member of that Board. Her involvement with multiple committees within the Borough including the PTA, Mayor Sarlo's 5K race, Project Graduation and many others that all benefited the community. She was hired 8 years ago as administrative assistant to the High School principal. She has excelled in that position and has continually demonstrated that this is not just a job, but a responsibility she has to the High School students that she helps every day.

Melanie Rose-Rella - Having grown up in Moonachie, Melanie is a lifelong resident of the area. She graduated WRHS in 1995 and married her high school sweetheart, Dan Rella, in 2004. They have 3 children, Daniel, Angelina and Frankie, and reside in Wood-Ridge. Melanie is an 18 year employee of the District as a physical education and health teacher. At various times she has been assigned to all of the schools in the district and has come in contact with and has had a positive influence on hundreds of our students. Melanie was chosen as Teacher of the Year in 2016. Besides her teaching duties, she has coached freshman/ JV softball and has served as a class advisor. She has been part of the Wood-Ridge Recreation cheerleading and softball programs. Currently, she is a coordinator of the American Heart Andrea & Ed Marino – the Borough and have continued to serve our residents and students in many ways. Married in 1994, they and their two children, Andrew and Madylin, all graduated from WRHS. Andrea has been a Physical Education and Health Teacher for the past 6 years. She is the Head Volleyball and Softball Coach where her teams have earned much success. She serves on the Bergen County Women's Coaching Committee, the Donna Ricker Day program and is a coach with the WR Recreation Softball Program.

Ed is a Sales and Marketing Director/Manager for Column Technologies in NYC. He has served as a Councilman for the past 10 years. He has served on the Finance, Planning and Zoning Boards, Chairman of Municipal Shared Services and the Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful Committees. He is Chairman of the Mayor's 5K Run which has raised thousands of dollars for Cystic Fibrosis and Tomorrow's Children's Fund. He is also very involved with the WR Recreation Program as a Coach/manager with the Soccer, Basketball, and Softball Teams.

President Calocino is pleased to present these outstanding individuals to be recognized by the Memorial Foundation and the community. All of the proceeds raised at this event will be used to fund the anticipated 18 awards totaling over \$40,000 this coming June.

The dinner will be held at The Fiesta, and will include a full course dinner with beer wine and soda included. Entertainment will be provided by the Alan Quinn Band. Dinner tickets are \$80.00 per person, available now. You may reserve or purchase tickets by calling event chairman Jack Nagel at 201-641-2803 or e-mail janpro911@aol.com. ###



W-R Lions Club Annual Turkey Drive

At the November 21, 2019, meeting of the Wood-Ridge Lions Club, President Mark Czarnecki made two significant introductions. The first was Club member Joe Solda, Chairman of the Club's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Joe proudly announced that on the next day, he would be delivering 125 turkeys and a hefty supply of fixings to the Bergen County Center for Food Action in Hackensack, to help feed the needy this holiday season. Joe has spearheaded this Club function for over 15 years. During this period, more than 1,200 turkeys have been provided to the Center.

The second introduction was our guest speaker, Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella. The Prosecutor has been a member of the Club for over ten years and served two terms as Club President. He was appointed Bergen County Prosecutor in May of this year. He is the third person with Wood-Ridge ties to lead the Prosecutor's Office.

He spoke of the many new innovations of law enforcement that are being incorporated and those that his predecessor introduced and are being continued and expanded. His main concern and top priority is reduction of drug traffic, drug use and drug deaths within the



Guest speaker, Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella.

county. He spoke of a new program where first time offenders can enter a program where they can get the help they need. It is obvious that he has a great passion for this job and will serve the citizens of Bergen County well during his tenure as Bergen County Prosecutor.

Photo above: Lion Joe Solda (second from right) with staff of the Bergen County Center for Food Action with pallets containing 125 turkeys and fixings, donated by the Wood-Ridge Lions Club.

Photo below: Bergen County Prosecutor Mark Musella being presented with an award commemorating his becoming the County Prosecutor by Wood-Ridge Lions Senior Board of Directors Member Jack Nagel.

Provided by Ed Garrett, Wood-Ridge Lions Club. 551-486-6197. ###





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HH Couple Celebrates 60th Wedding Anniversary

On November 21, 2019, Dave Davidowicz and his wife, Marion, celebrated a major milestone in their marriage, their sixtieth wedding anniversary at the Stony Hill Inn. During their six decades together, they've been through many of life's ups and downs and learned a lot of lessons along the way; the most important being that success in marriage does not come merely through finding the right mate, but through being the right mate.

They have two daughters, Karen and Diane, and two sons, Gregory and Thomas. They also have 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. To mark the anniversary, their family which now is located in Virginia, Utah, Colorado, Maine and New York, traveled to Hasbrouck Heights to celebrate this special occasion.

Heights and Marion (Wirth) in Wood-Ridge. They met at a friend's house in Wood-Ridge and were married a few years later. They have lived in Hasbrouck Heights their entire married lives in Dave's childhood home. All their children attended and graduated from the local high school.

Before he retired Dave worked for Ford Motor Co. in Edgewater, Mahwah, and Edison. Marion was Vice President at Buyers Laboratory in Hackensack before she retired.

Dave and Marion shared the following advice for a longlasting marriage 1. Don't go to bed angry. 2. Be prepared to forgive, always, because you just have to do it. 3. Maintain a good sense of humor. 4. Stay close to wonderful friends. Photo and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

On December 8, 2019,



Smith. Some of the songs they performed were "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Carol of the Bells," and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

The Children's Choir sang "Away in a Manger," "Ready the Way," "Come All Ye Faithful" and "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Among the songs sung by Adult Choir were "Waiting for Bethlehem's Light", "Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming," "Winter Wonderland," and "Angels We Have Heard on High." Also performed was an original song, "A Son is Given to Us," composed by local composer, Ty Agosta.

The two groups are under the direction of the awardwinning music director Gabriel Valle, who has been at the Assumption Church for the past three years.

The mother-son duet, Kate Varano and Charles Herrmann, did an excellent job singing "Believe," as did the duet Kevin Lyon and Gabriel Valle, singing "The Christmas Wish." Photos and story by Marie and Peter Gallo Jr. ###

Dave grew up in Hasbrouck











Carlstadt held their Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 5, 2019. The choir sang songs. Santa met with children by the fire truck. Photos by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



RJF&C Super Bowl Champions

Wearing white jerseys as the second seed in the Meadowlands' Football League Super Bowl, the Rutherford Pee Wee Bulldogs (8-9 year olds) shut out a strong New Milford team 19-0 to capture the 2019 Pee Wee championship.

This is the third time in a row this group has finished the season considered the best team in the league since they were Mighty Mites in 2017, and then back-to-back Pee Wee titles.

The RJF&C Junior Squad (10-11 year olds) played their

final game of the season with a disappointing loss to the New Milford Knights.

The Rutherford Bulldog Juniors accomplished their pre-season goal of getting to the Meadowlands Football League Super Bowl, but could not bring home the trophy against a stout New Milford team.

The Junior squad fought hard all season long and proved their scrappiness by winning the Southern Division and advancing to the Super Bowl as Conference Champions.

The Bulldogs Junior squad is proud of what they accomplished by having the opportunity to play in the Super Bowl. The Rutherford Senior Bulldogs (12-13 year olds) capped off their fantastic 11-0 undefeated season with a Super Bowl championship this past Saturday; as the squad defeating the Hasbrouck Heights Aviators 26-0. Story by Dennis B. Davis. Photos by Andrew J. Godsil. ###

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Holiday at Skylands A Country Manor Holiday

A "Fantasy!" to celebrate the sparkle and spirit of the magical season. It was held at the Annual Holiday Open House event sponsored by the NJBG/Skylands Association, at Skylands Manor in the NJ Botanical Gardens, Ringwood, December 5 through December 8, 2019.

Each room on the first floor was decorated by an area garden club. There was an Evening Reception on Saturday, December 7, from 6 to 8 p.m.: champagne, light refreshments, valet parking. For more information, call 973-962-9534 or go to www.njbg.org ###

















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Joyful Noise Worship

New Time: On Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 12:30 p.m., Holy Trinity Lutheran Church is launching its monthly Joyful Noise Family Worship Service. Joyful Noise Worship is for everyone, but is especially designed for children with Autism, PDD-NOS, ADHD, Down Syndrome and any other developmental/physical challenges. This 30-minute joyfilled service will bring together children with and without disabilities, giving them the opportunity to learn from one another about God's love for them; all in an atmosphere of understanding and acceptance. Join us at this beautiful worship service and help us to share God's love with all his children as we Make a Joyful Noise to the Lord (Psalm 100:1). The Joyful Noise Family Worship Service will take place on the second Sunday of every month at 12:30 p.m. Holy Trinity is located at 92 Burton Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights. ###



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Festival of Trees and Wreaths

55 Kip Center, a senior activity center in Rutherford, held its 25th Annual Festival of Trees and Wreaths.

Each year, individuals, organizations, Church groups, school classes and clubs decorate trees and wreaths with a theme of their choice.

Entries were judged and ribbons were awarded for Most Beautiful, Most Creative and Best Use of Theme.

Trees, Wreaths, and Centerpieces displayed at the Center until Saturday, December 14, 2019, were raffled off in Tricky-Tray style, to support programs, services and activities at the Kip Center. ###









Leisure Club Christmas Luncheon a Success

One hundred seventy-five Leisure Club members and their guests attended the Club's Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Venetian. The affair took place on December 11, 2019. Seniors from Lodi, Garfield, Saddle Brook and Maywood joined the members of the Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights. Many attended for the first time. President June Raymond thanked co-chairpersons Marilyn deRussy and John Nesbitt for the many hours they spent in planning for the success of the luncheon. She noted that every year more seniors are attending the luncheon. This year forty more seniors attended. The menu consisted of a buffet from 12 p.m. to 1p.m. consisting of hot and cold ap-





petizers. This was followed by pasta with vodka sauce and a salad. The entrees were a choice of Roasted Prime Rib, Norwegian Salmon, or Chicken Francese. There was also unlimited beer, wine and soda. Of course, no meal would be complete without a great dessert, coffee or tea. DJ Nick Delgiodice from Shooting Star Productions provided the music for dancing and dining. The line dancers had a great time dancing to their familiar tunes. All who attended were in agreement that the affair was one of the best events they had ever attended. *Provided by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

Wood-Ridge Historical Society Annual Holiday Program

Members of the Wood-Ridge Historical Society and guests were entertained by the talented ladies of the Q-Music Quartet at the Society's Annual Holiday Party. The exceptional harmonies of Sharon, Melissa, Julia and Alice were the highlight of the afternoon event held in The Arnault/Bianchi House on December 8, 2019.

Their presentation included traditional holiday tunes, a bit of audience participation, and some well-remembered melodies of Cole Porter and Irving Berlin. A light lunch was served, and members of the Society provided a variety of desserts to complete a very enjoyable afternoon for all. *Story by Dorothy Dobek. Photo by Lisa Sedita.* ###

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Heights Hosts 12th Aviator Invitational Relays, June 2019



Multi Cultural Festival in Rutherford, July 2019





Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Installation Dinner, March 2019



W-R Fire Department 2019 Installation Dinner With Mutual Aid Chiefs Welcoming WRFD First Woman Chief, February 2019



LFFD Inspection/Memorial, October 2019



Service, July 2019



Wallington Three Alarm House



WRFD Annual Inspection. November 2019



Auto Body Shop Destroyed, July 2019, Dennis Kronyak



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Walk Out by Retiring Little Ferry 2019



Rutherford Celebrates National Night Out, September 2019, RPD Photo



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HHFD 2019 Memorial Day



Little Ferry Parade Celebrates 125th Anniversary, November 2019



Circus Music Windjammers Concert performs for Little Ferry's 125th Anniversary, August 2019

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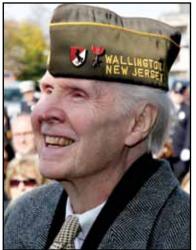
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Enjoying An Interstellar Galactic Space Adventure at Hasbrouck Heights Library Summer Bash , September 2019



Girl Scouts Spend a Night at the Aviation Hall of Fame Museum in Teterboro, March 2019



W-R Kids Enjoy Fire Engine Rides, November 2019





The Marching Band Camp, October 2019



Police Academy, October 2019



March 2019

St. John's Annual Plant Sale, June 2019



W-R Food Truck Festival, November 2019

Wallington rededicates War Memorial on 100th Anniversary followed by Slomienski Building Dedication, December 2019

Rutherford Children Celebrate Patriotism, August 2019



Adventures in Scouting, September 2019, Troop 17 Photo



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Kids Delighted at Little Ferry Pumpkin Pick, December 2019

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Scenes from W-R Town Day,

Little Ferry Tree Lighting Featured Train Layout

The group is comprised of approximately 14 members who call themselves the "Raritan Valley Hi Railers" and are based out of central New Jersey. They all come from different walks of life and enjoy displaying the layout to benefit charitable causes and promote the hobby.

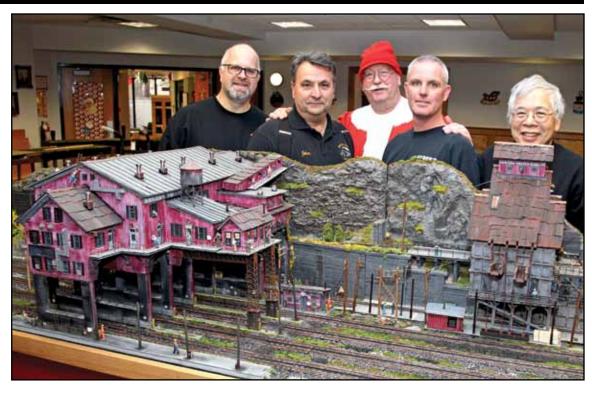
The layout was displayed in Council chambers with Santa during the Little Ferry Tree Lighting event. Components are "modular" in design with each member creating several sections that are combined to create the layout which can be configured to suit different display venues.

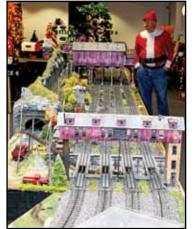
The trains themselves are 1:43 scale, otherwise known as "O" scale with each member having his own engines and rolling stock which are rotated during the events.

The models are not toy trains, but rather are exacting scale replicas featuring details right down to the exact number of rivets and paint schemes of the prototypes.

Some of the models are a "one" entirely scratch built by that particular member. Many of the models such as the Jersey Central "Blue Comet" represent actual trains which operated through New Jersey. Whether they are a steam or diesel locomotive is the preference of the individual member but all of the engines on the layout have working headlights, smoke and sound units. Rolling stock features both freight and passenger trains with some of the passenger cars having their own sound module. The layout also features working signals, specialized lighting such as a welder's torch and running water in several scenes.

This was the farthest north that the group has displayed the layout with approximately 8 hours required to set up for the Little Ferry event. *Story and photos below by Frank J. Vopasek IV.* ###





















American Legion Post 67

East Rutherford American Legion Post 67 donated cans of food and food gift cards to the St. Joseph's Food Bank. This is one of several donations made to the food bank annually by the Post. Pictured left to right: Vice Commander Lou Ragusa, Commander Billy Armstrong and Adjutant Paul Weiss. ###

The Wood-Ridge Fire Department gave Santa a ride to the Wood-Ridge Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony on November 29, 2019. After the tree was lit, Santa listened to the wishes of every child. *Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###*





Although the weather moved activities, everyone had fun at the Ridgefield Park Annual Tree Lighting. The Girl and Boy Scouts sang to welcome Santa to town to light the tree. One lucky girl, Juliana Marin, won a bicycle and three other girls won gift boxes. One of Santa's elves handed out snowman wands. *Provided by Barbara DeLuca.* ###



Bill O'Shea's Florist held their Annual Open House on Sunday, November 24, 2019, traditionally the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Hosts, John and Linda Kosakowski, welcomed guests to enjoy music, prizes, refreshments and special offers. Featured was a photo opportunity with Santa. There was a mailbox for letters to Santa. A beautiful Thanksgiving Centerpiece was raffled. Bill O'Shea's Florist has been delivering Season's Cheer for 50 years. ###



Celebrating their 1st Anniversary, **Be Present** held an Open House on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Carla and her family welcomed guests to enjoy music, special offers and Holiday Cheer! ###



Heights Flower Shoppe held their 32nd Open House on December 8, 2019. Santa was onsite, waving to all his fans driving along The Boulevard. This very popular Open House kicked off the Holiday Season with music, prizes and refreshments. ###



Celebrating their 13th Anniversary, **The Religious Shoppe** held an Open House on Sunday, November 24, 2019. Hosts, Barbara and Gary Doran, welcomed guests to enjoy music, refreshments and special offers. ###





Santa Helps Out at the Annual Tree Sale

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association began their Annual Christmas Tree Sale on Saturday, November 30, 2019, at St. John the Divine, at the corner of Franklin and Terrace. The Association was out in full force to unload about 315 trees and set up the lot. An array of Balsam and Fraser fir trees, from 5-6 feet to 9-10 feet, were available. This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition for over thirty years. The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college. They thank area residents for their on-going support of their sale and wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. ###

Wreaths & Grave Blankets

On November 30, 2019, The Moonachie First Aid and Rescue Squad kicked off their Annual Christmas Wreath and Grave Blanket Sale at their Headquarters. Fully decorated wreaths, 22" to 24" and grave blankets, from 2 1/2' to 3', were available. Proceeds benefit their operations. ###

Santa Arrives at Teterboro Airport

Santa and his elf arrived at Teterboro Airport by helicopter at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 30, 2019. He was then transported to the Aviation Hall of Fame and Museum by the Port Authority Police "Snozzle" ARFF Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck. As he walked into the Museum parking lot, Santa was greeted by many well wishers.

Santa and his elf entered the Museum and went upstairs. Parents took photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing the children's requests, Santa had candy 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.com • 201-739-5901 ###









W-R Girl Scouts Go Geocaching

Members of Wood-Ridge Junior GS Troop 95994 spent an afternoon Geocaching at Camp Jockey Hollow. Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunting game, using GPS devices or smart-phones, where players navigate to a specific set of coordinates and attempt to find the hidden container at that location.

The girls learned how to use the GPS trackers, enjoyed lots of fresh air while navigating the trail markers, and discovered hidden prizes in the caches. Geocaching is played worldwide and



Hasbrouck Heights Girl Scout Troop 5999 is working on their Bronze Award. They decided to work on a project to help attack hunger in Northern NJ. They delivered flyers while trick or treating on Halloween asking town residents, family and friends to support their efforts by donating jars of jelly and peanut butter in addition to zip lock sandwich bags. The drive will support the close to 300 peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that are made nightly at the Northern NJ non-profit that are then packaged in brown bags with a snack and provided to various agencies and shelters throughout Northern NJ. The girls collected 136 jars of peanut butter, 126 jars of jelly, 91 boxes of sandwich bags and decorated almost 200 brown bags with inspirational messages for the sandwiches to be packaged in for delivery. On November 20, 2019, the girls delivered their collections and got to see the facility and learn about the mission and accomplishments of Meals with a Mission. The girls cannot wait for their annual cookie sale scheduled in January, where they plan to set goals to sell boxes of cookies to support the cause and provide an added treat to those in need this winter. Troop 5999 is made up students from both Euclid and Lincoln School. Provided by Gina M. Hernandez. ###

downloading the app is all it takes to get started. Provided by Maureen Herman. ###



Wood-Ridge Brownie Troop 97130

On November 10, 2019, eight girls from Wood-Ridge Brownie Troop 97130 attended the Launch It! program at The New Weis Center in Ringwood. The girls learned about careers in engineering and advances in science made by women. They each made a mini catapult and launched marshmallows and pompoms. In groups of four, they made a trebuchet.Then they saw a demonstration of a large trebuchet launching a potato, then an apple. The girls earned their Think Like an Engineer Badge.

At a later meeting, seven

of these girls completed a Take Action project for a badge to finish the Think Like an Engineer Journey. They discussed the need to recycle paper to save trees and energy resources.

They wrote a letter to Mrs. Goldklang, Wood-Ridge Recreation Director, requesting that the Civic Center provide paper recycling buckets in addition to the bottle recycling bins already available. We are pleased that the request was granted. The Senior Center and the Civic Center now have recycling containers thanks to these Brownies. ###



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For Children

• Lego Club: Be a part of the popular Hasbrouck Heights Lego Club! Show off your architectural talents and create with us. Legos provided. Upcoming meetings are Tuesdays, January 7 and 21, starting at 3:30 p.m., for ages 5-12.

• Winter Storytime: Start your winter mornings with stories! Registration starts on, January 2. Classes begin January 21 and will run for six weeks. To sign up, contact Kate Senedzuk, at 201-288-0485.

• Tiny Tots - Ages: Birth -2 1/2 plus caregiver, Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Thursdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• **Preschool** - Ages: 3 ¹/₂ - 5 Tuesdays, 1:15 to 2 p.m.

• Book Buddies - Ages: 2 ¹/₂ - 3 1/2, Wednesdays, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

• Pajama Story Time: – Come on out in your favorite pj's for an evening story time on Wednesday, January 15, starting at 7:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

• **Book Bingo:**– Will be held Thursday, January 23, starting at 3:30 p.m. Get in on the fun and win prizes.

• Book Clubs for Kids: Join one of two Book Clubs for Kids! Books for both groups, along with more information, are available at the Children's Desk.

• Best Books is for students in Grades 2-3, and meets on the first Friday of each month.

• **Critics' Choice** is for students in Grades 4-6, and meets on the third Friday of each month.

For Teens • Teen Advisory Board: Make your voice heard - "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" by Jenny Han, plus a special viewing of the movie 8:30 p.m.

• Wednesdays with Friends: Spend Wednesday afternoons with Friends! Teens in Grades 6 and up, come join the gang to watch a few episodes of your favorite friends on screen and off. Refreshments will be served. Upcoming meetings are Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

• Sunflower Painting Class: Come and paint your very own sunflower on Monday, January 27 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. All supplies will be provided. Registration is limited to 20.

For Adults

• Showcase Artist: The Library will display the artwork of Jane Sklar and Max Cartagena in the Adult Services/Reference Wing through the month of February. Jane Sklar and her teacher/mentor Max Cartagena create digitally generated artwork from their original photographs. Both artists have won Bergen County awards for digital photography.

• Crafts to Share: Do you crochet or knit? Come join us on the first Tuesday evening of the month from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and the third Wednesday afternoon of every month from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The next evening meeting will be January 7, and the next afternoon meeting will be January 15. Members of the Crafts-to-Share Club have donated handmade items such as afghans and caps to patients of Hackensack University Medical Center, and Tomorrow's Children's Fund. The Library is pleased to accept donations of yarn on behalf of the Club. Newcomers are always welcome

• Collectibles on Display: A traveling exhibit from the Meadowlands Museum showcasing antique toys is currently on display in The Library through January.

The Meadowlands Mu-

Ridgefield Park Library Jan. 2020 Events

Ridgefield Park Public Library, 107 Cedar Street, Ridgefield Park, NJ 07660. 201-641-0689 https://www. ridgefieldparkpubliclibrary. org/ Programs are provided in partnership with The Friends of Ridgefield Park Public Library.

• **Baby & Me** - Thursday, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 11 to 11:30 a.m. This Storytime is developed specially for infants to 2 years old and their parent/caregivers. This is an interactive program between you and your baby. babies. Afterwards, enjoy fun time with play in our Early Literacy Room. Registration is required.

• Movies for the Over 18 Crowd: Thursday, 2, 16, 2 p.m. All movies are on the first Thursday of the month

• Anime Daze: Thursday, 2, 23, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Fans of Japanese cartoons and comics. Join us for anime viewings, discussions, and snacks. For 7th Grade and up.

• Teen Arts Festival: 2, 30., Submit original artwork, photography, short stories, poetry, etc. all month long for our Teen Arts Festival. Prizes will be awarded for first place in each category on January 31 during our ending celebration. Original work will be displayed throughout the library! Please see our website for information on how to submit your work.

• Game Time! Friday, 3, 17, 31, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Join us for an afternoon of fun playing board games like chess, trouble, Monopoly or even Uno. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Ridgefield Park Public Library. Snacks are provided. For school kids of all ages.

• Summer in Winter Party - Saturday, 4, 1 to 2 p.m. Bring your flip-flops, hats and sunglasses for our summer in winter party.

• Homework Help for Kids! Monday, 6, 13, 20, 27, 3:30 to 4 p.m. Teens help elementary school kids with homework and/or reading. Registration is required, village teens and children only. Space is limited..

• ESL Conversation Class—Monday, 6, 13, 27, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Talk with native speakers and other language learners about current events, travel, money, family, holidays and much more. For adults 16 years old or older.

• Basic ESL Class: Tuesday, 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 to 10:30 a.m. Practice listening, speak-

Lodi Library January Events

Lodi Memorial Library, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644. 973-365-4044. http:// lodi.bccls.org/

Special Programs

• Kids Crafternoon: A new, recurring program for 2020! Kids in Grades Pre-K to 2nd will have a new arts and crafts project to do every week, Tuesdays from 3:30– 4:30 pm. Registration required. Call 973-365-4044 x2.

• Tween DIY: Thursday, January 9, 4 to 5 p.m. This month we're making mason jar hot cocoa mixes! Give as a gift or save this tasty treat for later. This program is open to kids month we're making winter slime! This program is open to teens in Grades 7-12. Registration required.

On-going:

• LEGO Build: The Library provides all the LEGOS and will display your creations every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m.

• Pajama Storytime: Join Miss Libby for our new pajama storytime full of books, songs, and movement. This program is open to everyone, but perfect for parents who are not able to bring their little ones into The Library during the day. Every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

• Crafty Wednesdays: Bring your little ones to The Library for a new craft every week. This program is open to children ages 2-4. Every Wednesday from 11 to 12 p.m. • Storytime and Play Group: Join Miss Libby for a storytime full of books, songs, and movement. Play time will follow immediately after storytime. Every Friday from 11 to 12 p.m. •Anime Club: Meets the first Thursday of every month from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. for anime movies, discussions, crafts, and snacks. • Board and Card Games: Play UNO, Battleship, Connect Four, Monopoly and many other favorites every Friday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. ###

ing, reading and writing English for everyday needs with a certified teacher. For adults 16 years old or older.

• YA Game Day: Tuesday, 7, 14, 21, 28, 3:30 to 5 p.m. Teens gather at The Library for video games, board games, card games, snacks, and socializing. Bring a friend!

• **Toddler Storytime:** Wednesday, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. This storytime is developed specially for children ages 2–4 and their parent/caregiver. Registration is required.

• Knights of the Reading Table: Wednesday, 8, 29, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For 7th Grade and up. Registration is required.

• Coloring Art: Wednesday, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m, Back by popular demand.... Tweens, teens and adults can join in for this creative and relaxing program. This program is designed for adults as well middle school children in Grade 5 and up. Refreshments will be served.

• **Basic ESL Class**: Wednesday, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7 to 8 p.m. Practice listening, speaking, reading and writing English for everyday needs with a certified teacher. For adults 16 years old or older.

• DIY Smoothies for Teens: Thursday, January 9, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Make your own smoothies from a list of recipes,

•Awesome Bookclub: Thursday, 9, 16, 23, 30, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., For kids in Grades 3 to 6. Together we will read a novel while enjoying a slice of pizza. January book: "The City of Ember." This is a 15 week program. If time permits, the last week will be the movie, "The City of Ember" which is rated PG.

• **STEM Bookclub:** Friday, January 10, 4 to 5 p.m. This program is for village children in 2nd & 3rd Grade with a focus on discussing non-fiction books and a corresponding craft. Registration and valid library card required for each session. *January: Map Skills*.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. Teens can participate in community service projects, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities, have a say in teen programming at The Library, etc. The next meeting is Thursday, January 9, from 4 to 5 p.m.

• Teen Readers' Club: Teens meet the first Monday of the month to discuss a book, eat snacks and play games. Copies of each month's book will be available. Upcoming meetings are from 7 to 8:30 p.m:

• Monday, January 6, "Let It Snow" by John Green, Maureen Johnson and Lauren Myracle.

• Monday, February 3 -

seum is a nonprofit charitable organization. For more information about programs and displays at the Meadowlands Museum, visit https://www. meadowlandsmuseum.com.

• Civil War Currency and Sports Cards: On January 27, 2020, from 3-4 p.m., Vic Lo Bue, owner of the Collector's Shop on the Boulevard, will present a lecture that will cover information pertaining to currency from the Civil War and sports cards from the early 1900s. Vic is a lifelong collector of stamps, coins, toys, sports cards, trains and comics. ### in Grades 3 to 6. Registration required.

• STEAM: Monday, January 13, 4 to 5 p.m. It's Part 2 of our Wind Workshop! Go further with more wind experiments in this follow up to November's STEAM workshop. This program is open to kids Grades Pre-K-3. Registration is required.

• Family Movie: Monday:

January 27, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. This month's family movie is the live-action remake of "Aladdin," rated PG. This program is for all ages. No registration required and seats are on a first-come basis.

• Teen DIY: Thursday, January 16, 4 to 5 p.m. This • Monster Chronicles: Monday., January 13, 27, 5:30 to 7 p.m; Wednesay., 8, 22, Febuary 5, 19, March 4, 18 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

• Chef Storytime: Tuesday, January 21, 7 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy listening to a story and creating a cool food based on the book read. This storytime is geared to children ages 5 and up. Parents/caregivers must attend with our young patrons under 8 years old. Registration is required. Limited space. Please bring a smock. Food may contain nuts and/or dairy.

Rutherford Library January 2020

Rutherford Public Library, 150 Park Avenue, Rutherford NJ. 201-939-8600. rutherfordlibrary.org,facebook.com/ rutherfordpubliclibrary and twitter@Rutherford_pl.

Adult and Reference Department

 Monday Evening Book Group: On Monday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m., the Monday Evening Book Group will meet to discuss "Hedy's Folly" by Richard Rhodes. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Knit One, Read Two: On Wednesday, January 8, at 6 p.m., the Knit One, Read Two Wednesday Night Reading Club will meet to discuss "The Alchemist" by Paulo Coehlo. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

• Kip Daytime reading Group: On Friday, January 31, at 1:30 p.m., the Daytime Reading Group will meet at 55 Kip Center in Rutherford. They will meet to discuss "In the Garden of the Beasts" by Erik Larsen. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk.

 Adult Cook-A-Book Club: On Tuesday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., the Adult Cooka-Book Club will meet. This month, the Club will bring in recipes from "Cook This, Not That: Skinny Comfort Foods" by David Zinczenko. Copies of the book are available at the Main Desk. Let us know which recipe you choose ahead of the meeting time.

• Film Screening: On Tuesday, January 28, at 6 p.m., The Friends of The Library of Rutherford will present a free film screening.

• Basic ESL: The Rutherford Public Library Basic ESL class winter session will start the week of January 13. This class will be held Monday and Wednesday from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., beginning Monday, January 13. There will also be a morning class on Tuesday and Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning Tuesday, January 14. This is a basic English instruction class for beginner adult students taught by a certified ESL teacher. To register, join a waiting list, or for more information, stop by the Main Desk at The Library.

• Intermediate ESL: The Rutherford Public Library will begin its Intermediate ESL class on Tuesday, January 14. It will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Students who take this

class should be able to do the following in English: describe themselves, their experiences at school/work, their personal and family information, their routine, and express their feelings. To register, stop by the Main Desk.

• English for Everyday Life in America: The Rutherford Public Library will hold its next "English for Everyday Life in America" class beginning Tuesday, January 21, from 1 to 2 p.m. This class will be held on Tuesdays for a 10-week session.

The following themes will be covered in this session: English for tourism; professional English; English for utilities; English for financial issues; English for medical issues; how to get a driver's license in the US; renting a house/apartment in the US; mailing; and how to enroll a child in public school. To register stop by the Main Desk.

• Citizen Class: The new session of the Citizenship Class at the Rutherford Public Library begins Monday, January 13, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. This class will help prepare students for the citizenship test. Basic English skills are required for this class. Students who already have a test date scheduled will get preference.

• English Conversation Group: English language learners are invited to attend the **English Conversation Group at** the Rutherford Public Library, which will be returning the week of January 13. The group meets on Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Thursday from 1 to 2:30 p.m. The group provides a good opportunity to practice spoken English in an informal setting. Free program. All are welcome. No registration is required.

• Origami Club: The Rutherford Public Library will be hosting its next Origami Club meeting on Monday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m. Learn how to make origami with resident and origami enthusiast Kira Wallisch. All adults are welcome. Future meetings will typically be held the last Monday of the month • Wired Wednesdays at The Library: The Rutherford Public Library will hold a dropin program for those who need help with their smartphones, tablets, or computers. We will meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab, where our Technology Librarian will be available to answer your questions. No registration required for Wired Wednesdays.

• Tech Tutor: The Rutherford Public Library will hold a drop-in program for those who need help with their smartphones, tablets, or computers. We will meet on Wednesdays from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Computer Lab, where our Technology Librarian will be available to answer your questions. No registration required.

Children's Department • Drop-In Storytime:

Drop-in storytime will take place in Rutherford Public Library on Wednesdays and on Thursdays in January on the following dates: January 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30, from 10:30 to 11 a.m. All children from infants to 5-year-olds and their caregivers are invited to stop by for stories and fun.

• After-School Storytime: The Rutherford Public Library will hold an afterschool storytime on Tuesday, January 21, at 4:15 p.m. All children from infants to 5-yearolds and their caregivers are warmly invited to stop by for stories and fun.. No registration is required.

• Family Cook-A-Book Club: Family Cook-A-Book Club will be held at the Rutherford Public Library on Tuesday, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. We choose the cookbook, you pick the recipe to make and bring it to the Club meeting at The Library. You will need to visit The Library so you can borrow a copy of the cookbook. The Club is open to one child age 8-11 and one adult guardian. To register, stop by The Library.

• Paws to Read: The Rutherford Public Library welcomes back Yogi and Rodney for our Paws to Read program. Registered therapy dog, Yogi, and his owner will visit Tuesday, January 14, from 4 to 5 p.m. Rodney, also a registered Bright and Beautiful therapy dog, will visit with his owner on Monday, January 27, from 4to 5 p.m. Children who are able to read at least a little bit and would like to be able to practice their reading skills are invited to sign up for a 15-minute time slot with Rodney or Yogi. Parents may accompany their child. Registration is required. • Building with Lego **Blocks**: The Rutherford Public Library will host Building with LEGO Blocks on Wednesday, January 15, at 4 p.m. We provide the LEGO blocks, you bring your imagination! This program is for ages 4 and up. Registration required. ###

W-R Jan. 2020 Library Events

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library, Hackensack Street. Wood-Ridge, NJ 07075. 201-438-2455. https://woodridgememoriallibrary.org

• Music with Miss Nita: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host free musicand-movement classes with Miss Nita on Wednesdays, January 8 and 22, at 9:15 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Children ages 5 and under and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend and may register for one session on each date. Classes will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Registration is required.

• Story time with Miss Sharon: The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a Story Time and Craft on Saturday, January 4, at 11 a.m. Children ages 3-7 and their caregivers are warmly invited to attend. Registration is required.

• PAWS To Read: Young readers wanted! On Mondays, January 6 and 27 from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., children are invited to read to Rodney, an awardwinning certified therapy dog. Children ages 5 and older may register for a 15-minute session. Therapy dogs provide a safe, nurturing experience for emergent readers to practice their literacy skills. Registration required.

· Chess Club: On Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 and 29, The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will host a free Chess Club for learners of all ages. Children meet from 3 to 4 p.m. and adult beginning players meet from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Designed for all ability levels, the Chess Club is led by a coach who can teach new chess players the basics, and help experienced players sharpen their skills. Adult beginners, call The Library in advance.

• Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Book Club: On Tuesday, January 21, at 7:15 p.m., join your neighbors and friends to discuss "Haunting of Hill House" by Shirley Jackson. The meeting will be held at the Wood-Ridge Civic Center. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk. ###



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Carlstadt Seniors/ Vic's Hoofers

The Carlstadt Senior Friendship Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11 to 3 p.m. at the Civic Center, at 423-433 4th Street, Carlstadt. Refreshments are served. It is a great place to meet your neighbors and other

seniors of the Boro. Bingo and Jackpot Bingo is played after every meeting. There is no cost to the members. There are free shows at Bergen PAC or NJ PAC and casino trips. Anniversary, Christmas Luncheons and dinners are delicious and fun filled events.

All Carlstadt Seniors 60+ are invited to join the Friendship Club.

The Vic's Hoofers, a ladies social group, meets on the first Thursday of the month at the Carlstadt Civic Center on 4th Street. Women from surrounding towns are invited to join. Dues are \$15 per year. Fun activities are planned for each meeting, with refreshments served. ###

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ER Seniors East Rutherford Senior

Meetings are held at 1 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at the Senior Civic Center, 37 Vreeland Avenue. Refreshments are served. Bingo follows each meeting. New members are always welcome.

Free Blood-Pressure Screenings take place on the 4th Tuesday of the month beginning at 11:30 a.m. For additional information, contact Josephine at 201-460-1989.

• Caesar's Casino, every 3rd Monday of the month. Cost is \$35 with \$30 in slot play. Bus leaves from the CVS parking lot on Paterson Avenue at 9:30 a.m. All payments must be made in advance. ###

Older is Better

Older is Better is an open membership program designed for men and women 55 and older. The program meets Friday afternoons at Felician University, Obal Hall, Lodi campus, 262 South Main Street, Lodi, NJ.

Members and their guests attend an informational program at 1 p.m. followed by coffee and conversation. There is a \$3 fee to attend each program or ask about our annual membership dues. For more information, contact Michael or Danny at 201-559-6072.

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Moonachie Seniors

2020 Events

• March 11, the Club will go to Li Greci's Staten Island for the "St. Patrick's Festival from Ireland to America," with Mike Byrne. There will be three menus and a one hour open bar. Cost is \$56 pp. The bus leaves at 9:45 a.m.

• April 30, the Club is going to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Sherlock Holmes Returns." An all new immersive musical mystery comedy. There are seven lunch selections to choose from, also the famous unlimited dessert buffet. Cost is \$69 pp. The bus leaves at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. The Club is behind the Moonachie First Aid Squad. For information, call 201-641-6472. ###

Lodi Senior 2020 Club News

The Lodi Senior Citizens Club begins its 51st year. The Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month.

Every Thursday is "Fun Day." They have a pool table, and shuffle board. Do what your doctor says, "Keep Moving" with exercise or Bingo, card playing or pool and enjoy a day with friends.

Plus, they usually have entertainment at most of the meetings. For information, call 973-472-6994 and leave a message.

AARP Chapter #2015 Events

The AARP Chapter #2015 of Lodi meets at noon the third Tuesday of every month at the Lodi Senior Center, 22 Walnut Pl. Each meeting has either a speaker or entertainment as well as light refreshments. New members welcome. Dues are \$10 for the year. For information, contact Marie at 201-566-4431.



Baby Boomer Obstructionism

It's a New Year! I've actually been thinking about 2020 for some time now. One of the challenges of owning a business is to review what's happened in the past so as to get a better idea of what to do in the future. For that you need to read up and be aware of current trends that affect your livelihood, both near and far-term. This can be very revealing and also unsettling.

Trends, of course, are by their very nature dynamic. As they say,' Time is a River'. That river runs towards the future, and each year puts some conditions into the past and brings others closer to realization. If the pace is gradual, we may hardly feel the changes. But they are always happening, even if subtly. In fact, it's when change is so subtle that it may escape notice that we need to pay even more careful attention. Maturation is just such a change; generational aging is part of a huge trend going on in the real estate marketplace today.

Changes in life expectancy occur at such a slow pace that they often escape notice in the short run. Over time, however, these changes can be dramatic. In 1950, just when the Baby Boom was gathering steam, the average life expectancy was 68.2 years. Those born now have an average life expectancy of 79 years. Moreover, some of today's 65-year-olds can expect to live, on average, until nearly 85. And there are strong indications that Americans will continue to live even longer lives as time goes by. Research shows current U.S. life expectancy well below the average for comparable countries - trailing 11 other nations by 3.6 years. We have some catching up to do!

Scientific advances in med-

life for seniors well into their 80s and beyond.

According to a Harvard study, Americans over 80 will double, from 6 million to 12 million, in the next two decades and by 2035, one out of three US households will be headed by someone over 65.

The implications here run far beyond real estate housing. Though the US labor force participation rate for 25 to 64 year olds has been down 2.9% since 2000, the rate for those 65 and over has been increased 56%, with nearly one in five employed in what was considered the retirement cohort a couple of decades ago. Consider that the number of Americans between the ages of 65 and 80 is projected to grow from about 43.5 million to 53.5 million in the decade ahead, and then factor in a 20% labor force participation rate.

All in all, what does this mean for real estate? Well, for us retailers it means a lot! Homebuyers are faced today with two chronic market problems: low affordability and an overall lack of supply inventory. In years past, the most significant relief for these housing issues came as older people sold their homes and moved to retirement communities. In fact, in years past there was great expectation of a coming bonanza: there would be an ongoing, ever greater surge of homes hitting the market as hordes of Boomers moved into retirement. That hasn't happened. In fact, it's just the reverse. More and more, Boomers are staying put. They're deciding to remain in their homes. They're aging in place.

Healthier and working longer than previous generations, Boomers - 85% of them, according to realtor.com research - have absolutely no plans at all to sell their homes this year. Repeat: no plans. And these people hold the highest stake in the housing market! A 78% home ownership rate, compared to the Millennials' next highest, 41%! As the economist for realtor.com put it: "2020 will prove to be the most challenging year for buyers, not because of what they can afford but rather what they can find." ###



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#39 -- Retiring After 39 Years

After an illustrious career on the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and a three year stint the second time around as the Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, Chief Angelo Roccamo has decided to retire after 39 years on the Department.

He was born in South Philly.

"My mother was from Italy and as her family moved to the States, they settled in the New York area, so we moved from Philly to a two-family house in Hasbrouck Heights to be closer to her family, moving here with my brother, Peter, when I was in Third Grade," the Chief said.

Angelo and Vivian were married earlier this year. He enjoys his time at home with her and their dog, "The Baby Bailey Boy."

He is the father of Angelo Jr. and Alyssa. He says he feels that he can call his two stepchildren, Christina and Frankie, his own and that they are a wonderful addition to his life.

When asked how he became interested in the fire service, Chief Roccamo told this story. "When I was about five years old we had a plumber come to the house to do some work. He started a fire in the room and we had to get out of the house fast. I got all excited when the fire truck pulled up to the house. I don't know what made my mother more upset. The fact that we had a fire in the house or the fact that I got excited that there was a fire truck outside our home."

At 21, I became a firefighter," the Chief explained.

"I took a job with the Hasbrouck Heights DPW." The Chief is now the General Foreman for the Hasbrouck Heights Department of Public Works. "I like the fact that I can be there when I am needed and feel that I am making a contribution to the town. I've met many longtime members of the community who, in all my years of living here, I had never met before." second time).

When asked what the most challenging part of the current job is, the Chief remarked, "I feel that making sure all members are safe when we go out on a call. I want to be sure that everyone comes back safely from that call."

Some of the goals that the Chief had for the Department were keeping up morale and unifying the Department. "The community has to understand that this is a volunteer department. The economy has done a number on all volunteer departments. People are working two or three jobs and don't have the time to volunteer like they used to before. The time factor is something people can't fit into their lives. Our members have to be available 24/7 and during all the holidays. We have to stop what we're doing in our lives and help members of the community and the surrounding areas as well."

"The Department faces the challenges of retaining members and recruiting new ones. The problem with manpower is becoming a challenge that we are facing in the future.

I don't think people have a clue what goes into being a firefighter. We have schooling, intense training and drills to keep up all our members with new developments that are happening in the industry," the Chief said.

"Our job is to look out for everyone. We encourage our members to take as many classes as they can. The day you stop learning is the day you should not be a firefighter. There is always more to learn.

There has been a lot of talk about regionalization and paid departments but these things cost money and I don't know how many towns can handle the financial burden. In the end though. I know that the community cares about us and we are very grateful for their continuing support." "In the generation before I got on, the Fire Department had a full roster and people had to wait to get on the Department. Today, we are trying to work with youth squads and getting more teenagers involved in our Juniors program. This way they get more hands-on training to see if they really want to pursue firefighting." Some of the memorable things that the Chief remembers are answering ambulance calls. "It really is self-satisfying when you save another person's life. I have had several saves throughout my career and that is a good feeling. You get someone's heart working again and it is the greatest feeling you can have," the Chief admitted.

"On fire calls, it's putting that fire out," the Chief explained.

Some of the goals Chief Roccamo wanted to accomplish in his role over the last three years were to collaborate with the other two Chiefs in keeping everyone in the Department safe, up to date in equipment and training. "I would like to think that the other Chiefs and I worked well together to get this done."

When asked about his personal experiences on 9/11 and his contributions on that tragic day, he said, "I was home that day. When I saw what happened in New York City, we stood by at the firehouse.

Our ambulance was called first and went to the staging area in Jersey City to await victims. We sent our engine (615) next and we got as far as the GWB and then awaited instructions. Myself, Ex-Chief Joe Taylor and Ex-Chief Pat Hayes and former firefighter Bob Pietz were sent to Overpeck Park where we stood by in our bunker gear for six hours awaiting instructions. We were later released that day. Later, several members of the Department went over to help with the recovery. I myself didn't go over," the Chief said.

During the time that he was serving as First Assistant Chief, Chief Roccamo was in command of the aircraft incident at the Strawberry clothing warehouse in Teterboro.

Most recently was the big warehouse fire at the Marcal Paper Factory in Elmwood Park. "We want to utilize our members the best way possible and have the equipment to back that up. Our goal at the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department is to protect and serve our community the best way we know how and to keep everyone safe, the Chief said.

Lastly, we want to thank everyone in the community for their support. Everything they can do for us is greatly appreciated. I will miss the Department. I will miss making calls," Chief Roccamo added.

Thank you, Chief Angelo Roccamo, for your 39 years of dedication, life and love that you have given to your family, your community, and the members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department, your second home. *Provided by HHFD member, Justin Watrel. ###*



Chief Roccamo at the 2007 HHFD Installation Dinner.



Angelo says he does not feel that he can dedicate the time needed to the Department, since his promotion at the D.P.W. He hopes to help in any way he can, at any time, if needed.

In the time that Chief Roccamo has served in the fire service, he has held many positions. He has been Lieutenant and Mechanic of the Ambulance, Lieutenant and Captain of the Hook & Ladder, Department Treasurer, Fire Inspector and SecondAssistant Chief, First Assistant Chief and then Chief of the Department (for a

First Assistant Chief Roccamo commanded the scene at Strawberry Warehouse at about 8:10 a.m. on February 2, 2005, when a twin-engine Canadair Challenger 600 skidded off the runway, through the fence, across Route 46, striking several cars and injuring 20 people.

Day of Infamy Remembered

On Saturday, December 7, 2019, Ridgefield Park American Legion Post 40 and VFW Post 277 observed the 78th Anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, marking the entry of the United States into World War II.

Ridgefield Park Mayor George Fosdick led the ceremony. VFW Commander Bob Carlson spoke. Chaplain Pete McElroy gave the Invocation and Benediction. Recordings of FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech, a Navy Hymn and The National Anthem were played.

As time goes by, the following generations don't seem to know about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. These victims must remain alive in our minds and hearts, for they were the first to face the enemy in open combat.

All the suffering and pain in World War II, all the tremendous victories achieved later in the war, the defeat of two of the 20th Century's worst tyrants, all began for America at Pearl

, Harbor.

There, civilians and military personnel were subjected to an unprovoked attack by the military forces of the Japanese Empire.

Their goal was to destroy the U.S. Pacific fleet in order to give them free reign to attack their neighbors in their growing war on the people and nations of the Pacific. To do so, they chose a Sunday morning to catch our forces off guard. Their naval forces launched aircraft in two strategic air strikes aimed at Pearl Harbor and the Army airfields. Using divebombers, torpedo bombers and fighter aircraft along with submarine assaults from the sea, the Imperial Japanese Navy sank or damaged 21 ships of our Pacific fleet. Ninety-seven Navy and Marine Corps aircraft were destroyed. The Army Air Corps lost 74 planes and had 128 damaged in the attack. The Navy lost 1,999 men killed in action with 710 wounded. The Marines



lost 109 killed in action with 69 wounded. The Army had 233 personnel killed and 364 wounded in action. The civilian population lost 49 people killed. The Japanese Empire had done all of this damage without a declaration of war, without provocation, making this deed one of infamy and forever remembered as an attack of an evil war aggressive nation. This attack would propel America into the largest war in history, where no citizen was left untouched by the conflict.

This attack left the Pacific fleet in shambles and in ruin but never has our resolve been stronger. Through unbelievable efforts by our fellow citizens and military, The Oklahoma was raised from the bottom of Pearl Harbor, The California was raised and repaired and returned to service. The West Virginia was raised and rejoined the fleet. The Tennessee was repaired and took an active part in the war. The Nevada was raised. The Pennsylvania was repaired and joined the fleet once more. The Maryland was repaired and took to the high seas again. The Oglala was repaired and back in action. The Helena, The Honolulu, Raleigh and Shaw were all repaired and back in action to meet our Far East foes. All these ships would serve for the remainder of World War II, helping America achieve ultimate victory over an aggressive enemy. The USS Arizona would remain a total loss and today remains with the USS Utah enshrined at Pearl Harbor as a gravesite and a lasting memorial to that fateful day. Today we reflect on World War II in which towns and cities and



nations would be destroyed, with some 50 million people losing their lives, to finally end with the atomic bomb detonating in an earth shattering explosion, erasing the city of Nagasaki, but bringing peace to the world once more.....it all began for us on a quiet Sunday morning 78 years ago."

The United States Navy would survive the attack on Pearl Harbor and World War II. I can't say the same for the Japanese Imperial fleet. Of the six aircraft carriers that took part in the attack, The Zuikaku, The Shokaku, The Akagi, The Kaga, The Hiryu, and The Soryau all now lay at the bottom of the Pacific. As cold, dark, rusting reminders to what happens when good people refuse to let evil prevail. Thomas Marshall contributed to this article.###

Lodi Police Department Holds Jr. Police Academy Graduation

On November 25, 2019, Lieutenant Anthony Mobilio of the Lodi Police Department Community Policing Unit, under the direction of Chief Donald Scorzetti, had the honor of bestowing diplomas to the almost 84 volunteer cadets of their 19 Annual Junior Police Academy.

The program began with the Presentation of Colors led by bagpiper Sgt. J. Garland from Teaneck Police Department. Speakers included Police Chief Scorzetti, Mayor Scott A. Luna, BOE Superintendent Dr. Douglas J. Petty, and Jefferson School Principal Jack Lipari. Featured speaker/rapper was Daniel "Bookem" Rivera, who uses music to build relationships between law enforcement and the community, performed his routine and presented a "rapping" video.

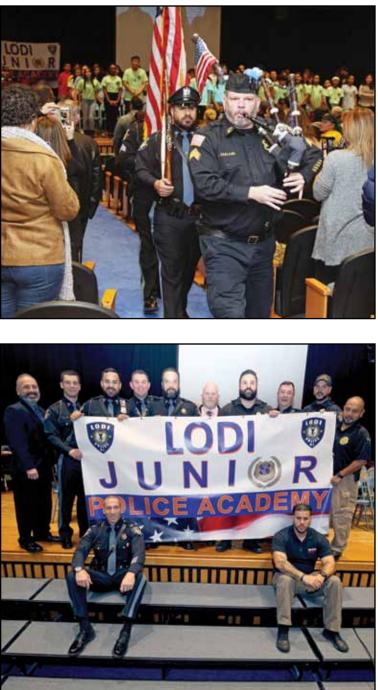
students to the law enforcement community in a hands-on approach to basic police work. The core function of this program is to provide an interactive learning experience that focuses on the different aspects of police work.

It provides the youth of the community an avenue to experience and appreciate the role that police officers play in our society, while building the bridge of cooperation and respect between the youth and law enforcement.

During this nine week training class, these "cadets"







Over the nine week course, the Lodi Police Department Community Policing Unit, with the volunteer cooperation of the sworn officers of the Lodi Police Department, have hosted their annual Junior Police Academy for 7th Grade students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

The Junior Police Academy is a successful program, which is designed to introduce were required to participate in physical training, inclusive of calisthenics and relay races, similar to physical education classes.

The cadets are also given hand-outs and written instruction on topics plaguing society today such as bullying, peer pressure, drinking and driving, drug abuse, and how to say no.

They experienced visits from the local fire department, ambulance corps, the Bergen County Sheriff's Department K-9 Unit and Bureau of Criminal Identification, and Sensei David Castro of Tiger Schulman's Karate of Morris Plains. They also took a tour of the Bergen County Jail. ###



Heights Plane Crash: Four Perish

Historically Speaking By James J. Halloran

The Double Whammy of 1999 Part 2 of 4 Parts, Pilot Error

The plane that crashed was a Beechcraft Model 58TC (TC = Turbo Charged) also known as a Beech "BARON." This was a twin engine, six passenger aircraft equipped with 190-gallon long range fuel tanks. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) registration number was N581BC. This aircraft was manufactured in 1980. The Baron type aircraft were first manufactured in 1961 and are still in production. To date, over 6,888 have been made.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report indicated that aircraft N581BC had departed Hanover County Municipal Airport, Ashland, Virginia, at 3:58 p.m., enroute to Teterboro Airport. On board was Paul Pedersen, pilot, Elaine Moses, Chip Briere and Cary Briere. The group was on its way to a party in New York.

The NTSB report indicated that the pilot had logged over 11,000 hours flying time. He held certification as a commercial pilot, with ratings for single and multi-engine aircraft and rotorcraft-helicopters. He held an instrument rating for airplanes. He was flight instructor rated for single and multiengine instrument aircraft and helicopters. He had passed an FAA certification check ride in a Beech 58 on July 26, 1999.

However, Mr. Pedersen did not have an unblemished record. He had his license suspended in 1998 for 45 days when he ran out of fuel and crash landed in Maryland and was facing an additional hearing for two other violations. The first was making three flights, with passengers, in an aircraft reported to have a carbon monoxide leak. At that time the aircraft was considered to be unairworthy. The second incident was flying a plane with a number of safety violations. This plane should have been grounded. He was looking at the possibility of loss of his license for up to 210 days. Mr. Pedersen was qualified to fly under Instrument Flight Rules (IFR). This meant that he could fly at night or in inclement weather as opposed to Visual Flight Rules (VFR). A VFR qualification only allows a pilot to fly in clear weather. However, under a VFR flight plan, the pilot has some latitude in the route and altitude he or she plans to fly. Under an IFR flight plan the pilot must fly a specific route at specified altitudes using radio beacons as waypoints. Mr. Pedersen filed an IFR flight plan with the FAA, from Ashland to Teterboro, before he took off.

Upon nearing the New York area air space, Pedersen contacted New York Terminal Radar Approach Control (New York TRACON). TRACON controls the air space in the greater New York area. This includes Teterboro Airport. TRACON gave instructions to follow a specific approach to Teterboro and the current altimeter setting.

About eight minutes later Pedersen requested a direct VFR approach to Teterboro. This was denied. Pedersen was told that approach traffic stretched back to Sparta, NJ. He was told that he was seventh to land and there were twenty waiting to take off. He was instructed to maintain an airspeed of 180 Knots (1 Knot = 1.15 MPH).

At 5:21 p.m., the pilot was vectored to a heading of zero one zero and to maintain an altitude of two thousand feet. He was again reminded to maintain 180 Knots airspeed and told to contact Teterboro Control Tower.

Upon contacting Teterboro Tower, he was instructed to cross over the airport at a height of one thousand five hundred feet and turn left to begin the approach to the airport. The Tower indicated that he was seventh to land. The pilot did him of the aircraft off to his left. This pilot indicated that he saw it. The Tower attempted to contact N581BC, but there was no reply. At this point N581BC was lost to both visual and radio contact from the Tower.

Three witnesses located near the airport, who were watching airplanes, reported seeing the aircraft as it initiated a steep right turn, followed by a "sharp" left turn, after which, the airplane went straight down until lost from sight. The plane had crashed.

The NTSB instituted a thorough investigation into the crash. After reviewing the crash site and transporting what was left of the aircraft, various parts, such as the engines and propellers, were shipped to testing locations. This particular type of aircraft was not required to have a flight data recorder (the Black Box). Medical tests showed that the pilot was not impaired. No mechanical problems could be detected with the aircraft.

The NTSB report implied that a condition known as an accelerated stall appears to have been a major factor. A stall occurs when the wing is no longer capable of providing lift. Air passing over the wing creates lift. The speed of the air, to create lift, differs with the type and design of the wing. Military and acrobatic pilots use stalls as part of the maneuvers that they perform. Actually, an airplane landing is nothing more than a controlled stall.

The pilot's manual for the Beechcraft Model 58 indicates that with wings level, gear and flaps up (called a clean configuration), the aircraft should stall at a speed around 84 Knots. This is a normal0 stall. However, with steep turns and abrupt maneuvers, the stall speed climbs to about 156 Knots. This is known as an accelerated stall. In steep turns, aircraft have a tendency to lose altitude and bleed off speed. This can account for the fact that N581BC was below the altitude requested by Teterboro Tower. The pilot of the plane that was nearby said that the Baron passed below him. He was flying at one thousand feet. This would place N581BC between 500 and 700 feet. Hasbrouck Heights is listed as 112 feet above sea level. This does not include the additional height of buildings or trees. Sadly, it appears Mr. Pedersen apparently allowed his airspeed to drop and failure to maintain his altitude sealed the fate of both the aircraft and all on board. ###









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not acknowledge this.

At 5:25 p.m., the Tower called N581BC saying, "I need you at one thousand five hundred feet, sir, one thousand five hundred feet until you're established on right base for runway one nine." At 5:26, the Tower questioned the heading of N581BC.

The pilot replied, "I'm trying to do a one eighty to follow that traffic on final." The controller requested him to turn left to avoid an aircraft near him flying at one thousand feet. He was then instructed to fly a heading of zero nine zero toward the George Washington Bridge. The Tower then contacted the other aircraft to warn

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Rutherford House Fire Draws 4 Alarms

At about 3 a.m. Saturday, December 7, 2019, Rutherford firefighters responded to a working house fire on Walnut Avenue. It was heavily involved upon arrival. It blew through the rear roof and side of the 2-1/2 story home. The fire was knocked down about 5 a.m.

The blaze destroyed the single family home and damaged the siding of a neighbor's house. The fire may have started in the kitchen area, possibly electrical.

The only occupant in the home was a 58 year old woman, who was hospitalized for smoke inhalation, according to authorities.

The four alarm fire drew Mutual Aid from Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Hasbrouck Heights, Moonachie, North Arlington, Secaucus and others.. Damien Danis photos. ###

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On November 24, 2019, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a "dryer event." The issue was quickly resolved. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###



On November 3, 2019, the East Rutherford Fire Department and East Rutherford EMS responded to an overturned vehicle on Route 17. An injury was reported. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###





The Carlstadt Fire Department responded to a motor vehicle accident involving a tanker truck and automobile November 17, 2019. No injuries were reported. Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

On November 26, 2019, the Wood-Ridge Fire Department responded to a "gas stove mishap." Photo by Dennis Kronyak Sr. ###

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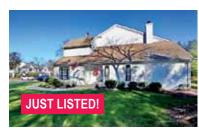
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