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## ... complete and total glee!

Over 8,000 brightly colored Easter eggs dotted the Gary Depken Field for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 a.m.

An estimated 300 Heights pre-schoolers (4-5) through third graders participated and about 200 adults watched the event on a sunny spring morning.

The field was set up into three sections. The three part egg hunt began with four to five

year old children in pre-K lined up on the north side of the field by event organizers. Parents were chased away, leaving only the eager children with their empty Easter baskets.

Police Chief Michael Colaneri began a countdown, blew his whistle and quickly stepped away as the children ran across the field to collect as many eggs as they could.

Each plastic egg contained a piece of candy or toy, but a

few eggs held a small treasure -- a "furry chick".

This sequence continued for K through 1st graders in the center section and second and third graders on the south section.

After the third heat, those children who had found the eggs with the "chick", could redeem it for a toy prize.

The Easter Bunny visited, handed out Easter candy and toys and was available for

photo opportunities by delighted parents.

No one could recall when this event began, but many adults remember collecting eggs when they were youngsters.

Free tickets were distributed through the elementary schools and were also available at the Boro Clerk's office at 320 Boulevard.

This event was sponsored by the Mayor's Celebration

Committee.

About 25 members of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department with their equipment were on standby at Depken Field during the event.

For more photos in color and mpeg movies of this event go to: [www.hasbrouck-heights.net](http://www.hasbrouck-heights.net). ###

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## Town-wide Garage Sale

A town-wide garage sale is scheduled for May 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. -- rain or shine.

There is a \$10 permit fee that will benefit D.A.R.E., the HH Free Public Library and the Municipal Anti-Drug Alliance.

Registration dates are Saturday April 23, April 30 and May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Borough Hall.

Participation in this sale does not count towards the "two garage sales" per year ordinance.

Space will be made available for apartment dwellers and fundraising organizations at the High School. Participants must bring their own table.

A free map indicating all registered participants' addresses will be distributed to the shoppers. The Farmer's Market will be on The Boulevard.

This first time event is sponsored by the Mayor's Celebration Committee.

For more info call the Boro Clerk at 201-288-0195. ###

## 2nd quarter taxes due May 1, 2005

Tax Collector Conchita C. Parker announced that taxes will be received Saturday morning April 30 from 9 a.m. to noon for the 2nd quarter taxes which are due May 1st at the Tax office located at the Municipal Complex, 320 Boulevard.

This arrangement follows the custom established many years ago in the borough for the convenience of the taxpayers in meeting the quarterly payment due. For additional information call 201-288-1152. ###

## Scouts to Beautify Woodland Park

Hasbrouck Heights Daisy Troop 1557 and Brownie Troop 1463 will be planting flowers at Woodland Park on April 8th.

Both of these troops are working towards petals/patches on "Making the World a Better Place" and "Earth is our Home".

The girls will be planting impatiens flowers under the Woodland Park sign on the Cleveland Avenue side. ###

## 26th Annual Plant Sale

St. John the Divine will hold its 26th Annual Plant Sale/Flea Market on May 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 229 Terrace Avenue.

Top quality nursery grown plants and a large selection of hanging pots will be for sale.

Several flea market dealers will be offering various items. Refreshments will be available.

Advance plant orders will be taken. Call 201-288-0002 for more info. ###

## Disabilities Forum

On Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m. the Mayoral Committee Community Awareness Access for All will hold an open forum.

The committee advises the Boro on issues pertaining to persons with disabilities such as recreation, education, transportation and grants.

Call Eric at 201-288-6847 for details. ###

## HH Little League Pancake Breakfast Will Be Held at VFW

The HH Little League will hold its 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast on April 10, 2005 from 7 a.m. to noon at the VFW Hall on Veterans Place.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, sweet rolls, bagels, juice, milk and coffee.

This event usually serves about 1,500 breakfasts.

Admission is -- adult \$5, child \$3 and under 4 free.

The Chinese style sports memorabilia auction will follow from noon to 1 p.m.

Winners do not have to be present at the time of the drawing to win.

Proceeds will be used towards a barrier net on the major league field protecting spectators who watch the games.

Businesses were invited to place their business card size ad on the placemats for \$40.

Call Gary at 201-288-5227 for more information. ###

## PD5 Due April 1

Tax Collector Conchita C. Parker reminds those property owners who receive the Annual Post Tax Year Income Statement for qualified NJ residents, senior citizens, disabled persons or surviving spouses that the PD5 Forms had to be returned to the Tax Collector's office by April 1.

If the PD5 form was not returned by that date, the Tax Collector will mail a Notice of Disallowance for the 2004 Property Tax Deduction.

For additional information call 201-288-1152. ###

## Horror Movie Night

HH Recreation is sponsoring a Horror Movie Night Saturday, April 16 in the Community Room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m. There will be refreshments and giveaways. ###

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## Craft Club

The Hasbrouck Heights Public Library sponsors a Craft Club on the first Tuesday of every month beginning April 5 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Join this informal group of crafters and meet people with common interests, learn something new, share your knowledge and have some fun.

Bring your knitting, crocheting and ideas for crafts that others may enjoy learning.

Activities will include: learning a new craft, demonstrations, classes, sharing and working on your craft.

All are welcome from beginners to advanced. Please register at the Library or call 201-288-0488 for more information. ###

## Shelter Offers Low Cost Spay/Neuter Programs

The Bergen County Animal Shelter located in Teterboro, is pleased to provide Bergen County residents with information on low cost spay/neuter programs.

The shelter provides this help in order to reduce the overpopulation of unwanted animals.

For information on these programs, residents are advised to telephone the Shelter at 201-646-3200 Ext. 302.

Please give your name and address along with home and business telephone numbers where you can be reached. A Bergen County Animal Shelter volunteer will return the call in 2 to 3 days. ###



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**Hasbrouck Heights School Board & Budget Election is scheduled for April 19**

## Technically, it was the first day of Spring

On March 20, 2005 the calendar said it was the first day of spring.

It was a cool, rainy day. Puffs of melted snow mounds were everywhere.

Very few crocuses were struggling to appear. Daffodil leaves were just breaking soil. There were no buds on the forsythia, magnolia

or fruit trees which would start appearing in early April, about two weeks latter.

Winter would not let go with a heavy slushy snow striking March 23.

But Spring would not give in -- with plenty of brightly orange vested Robins visiting -- beginning the season's work. ###



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## 26th Annual Plant Sale and Flea Market

Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Pre-paid advance orders are available for pick up on Friday, May 6 -- 7:30 to 9 p.m. Flats one color/one kind are \$10.50. For order forms or flea market space info call 201-288-0002.

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**IRA (Individual Retirement Account)** — IRAs are retirement accounts with tax advantages. Individuals may contribute up to \$3,000 (\$3,500 if 50+) annually to an IRA as long as they have earned \$3,000 in that year.

The investment grows tax-free until it's withdrawn, usually after age 59½. Money withdrawn before age 59½ will usually get hit with a 10% penalty, but there are some exceptions.

**Traditional IRA** — For certain taxpayers the Traditional IRA offers something even better than tax-free earnings: a tax deduction—less taxable income means more money now! Traditional IRA contributions may be deductible if you do not participate in an employer-sponsored retirement plan, such as a 401(k). If you do participate in an employer retirement plan, you may still deduct all or a portion of your contribution if your income falls below a certain amount.

**Roth IRA** — The most notable thing about a Roth is withdrawals are tax-free if the account has been open for at least five years and you're at least 59½ when you start to withdraw money.

Contributions to a Roth are not tax deductible. The Roth is named for Sen. William Roth Jr., chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

**Education IRA** — In 2001, these plans were renamed the Coverdell Education Savings Account in honor of the late U.S. Sen. Paul Coverdell.

Individuals can make annual contributions of up to \$2,000 per child into an account that's exclusively for helping to pay higher education costs. The money contributed to a Coverdell account doesn't count against the \$3,000 (\$3,500 if 50+) annual total

individuals may contribute to their combined individual IRAs.

The earnings and withdrawals from a Coverdell account are tax-free, but you can't deduct the contributions from your income tax.

**Contribution** — IRA contributions are limited to \$3,000 a year for those younger than 50 and \$3,500 a year for those 50 and older. Contributions are classified as either tax deductible or nondeductible.

**Deductible/nondeductible** — Contributions to a Traditional IRA are tax deductible if you are not covered by your employer's retirement plan. Even if you do participate in a company pension or 401(k) plan, you still may be able to deduct contributions to a Traditional IRA depending upon your income and filing status. Contributions to a Roth IRA are not

deductible.

**Required minimum distribution** — Generally, a Traditional IRA owner must begin taking money out of the account by April 1 of the year after he or she turns 70½. The amount is a minimum distribution determined by the account holder's age and life expectancy. Roth IRAs aren't subject to minimum distribution requirements until after the Roth owner dies.

**Rollover** — This is the term used when transferring assets from one tax-deferred retirement plan to another.

**Tax and penalty-free withdrawals** — You can take money out of your IRA tax-free and penalty-free as long as you repay the full amount within 60 days. It's a good way to give yourself an interest-free loan. You can only do this once every 12 months. ###

# AHOF 2005 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Terrance Bacola, president of The New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame announced the 2005 Inductees into the Aviation Hall of Fame. They include:

- Maj. Gen. Richard C. Cosgrave a Vietnam fighter pilot and 30 year veteran of the New Jersey National Guard.

- Anthony DiStefano who for 50 years served as the director of the Teterboro School of Aeronautics.

- Earl W. Estelle who flew 55 missions over the "Hump" in WWII and managed the Standard Oil Company's aviation division for two decades.

- Maj. Gen. Richard F. Gillis who flew 100 combat and 170 functional test missions in Vietnam.

The new inductees will receive their bronze plaques at the 32nd annual induction dinner on May 26 at the Fiesta.

Following the ceremony,

their plaques will be permanently displayed beside the 135 previous inductees at the Museum.

The New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame was founded in 1972 and was the first state aviation hall of fame in the nation.

Its goal is the preservation of the Garden State's 211 years of aviation and space heritage.

For more information or for reservations to the annual induction dinner, please call 201-288-6344. ###

## AC Bus Trips

The VFW sponsors Atlantic City Bus Trips on the last Wednesday of the month. Bus departs at 11:00 a.m. and returns at about 9:30-10:00 p.m. Proceeds are used to help defray building expenses. Call the Post for more information at 201-288-1112. ###



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## Free Health Consultations

The Hasbrouck Heights Health Department advises residents over 18 years old that free health consultations will be held at the Municipal Building Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Consultations are held on the fourth Thursday of each month. No appointment is necessary.

Scheduled dates are: April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27 and December 22.

Services include: health history evaluation, blood pressure measurements, height and weight measurements, individualized counseling and education, including referral and follow-up confidential consultation with a Public Health Nurse.

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## VFW Hosts Dinner Dance

The VFW will hold a dinner dance beginning at 7:00 p.m. on April 16, 2005.

Menu includes fruit cup, salad, pasta, chicken francese, oven baked potatoes, broccoli and dessert. There will be an open bar plus wine, beer and soda.

Music will be by Andy Ray. Reservations are requested by April 12. Cost is \$25 per person. The public is invited.

The event benefits the Commander's Pet Project which is supporting three veterans homes in New Jersey (*Paramus, Menlo Park and Vineland*).

Sixteen members of the Veterans Home in Paramus will be guests of the Post.

Call the Post for more info at 201-288-1112. ###

## Lions/Kiwanis 40th Annual Golf Outing

The tournament is scheduled for June 3 at the Rockleigh Golf Course. Fee is \$125 and includes golf, cart, lunch and awards dinner.

The event is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club and the Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro Kiwanis Club. All proceeds to benefit various community charities.

Journal ad sponsorships are available.

For more info call Dr. Eglow at 201-288-2354 or Mr. Luongo at 201-393-8145. ###

## Soccer Sign Up

A second sign up for the Hasbrouck Heights Soccer Association will be held from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20 at the Senior Center, 320 Boulevard.

Registration forms are available in the Library. For info call 201-288-7099 ###

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## Home Run Derby

The Hasbrouck Heights High School Baseball team is holding a Home Run Derby for fifth through twelfth graders on Saturday, April 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Gary Depken Athletic Field.

Fee is \$15. Trophies will be awarded. Refreshments will be available. Rain date is April 23. Call 201-288-8721 or 201-288-5168 for more info. ###

## Dr. T. Bellavia Reappointed

Heights Medical of Hasbrouck Heights announced that Dr. Thomas S. Bellavia, MD has been reappointed as a faculty member to the UMDNJ New Jersey Medical School for a one year term effective July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. His appointment title is Clinical Instructor in the Department of Family Medicine. ###

## Sell on eBay

The Library is offering a free class on "How to Sell on eBay" on April 9 from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Instruction includes opening a seller's account, researching and creating a listing, writing descriptions, photographing items, setting prices and using PayPal.

Basic computer knowledge is recommended. Call 201-288-0488 for more info. ###

## HHPD offers group tours

The Hasbrouck Heights Police Department announced that guided tours of their new facility at 248 Hamilton Avenue are now available to community organizations.

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## 5K Run/1 Mile Walk April 9th

On April 9, 2005 the Hasbrouck Heights Education Association will sponsor its seventh annual five kilometer and one mile run/walk to raise money for their scholarship fund.

The 5 km run is called the Rau-Fitzgerald Memorial Run and the 1 mile walk is the Cheryl Terlemezian One Mile Fun Run/Walk.

This event is to help raise funds for high school seniors continuing their education after graduation.

Corporate sponsorships and donations are welcomed.

For more information call Barbara at 201-288-1426.

## Free Basic Computer Literacy Classes

Free Basic Computer Literacy Classes are being offered at St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, 229 Terrace Ave., Hasbrouck Heights.

The third session begins on Monday, April 4th at 7:00 p.m. Registration is first night of class.

Spaces are limited to five students on a first come first serve basis.

Classes are held in the Care Center located on Franklin Ave. Arrive at 6:45 to register.

Contact Gale Sharon at St. John's for more information: 201-288-9460.

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# April Senior Calendar

## SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Line Dancing by Gail \$1.00  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Senior Yoga by Kim \$1.00

Wednesday, April 13, 20, 27

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. Senior Aerobics by Debbie

Thursday, April 14

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Life Line Screening

Pre registration and fee required: 1-800-636-0418

Thursday, April 21

10:00 to 1:00 p.m. Health Consultation Program

Friday, April 1, 15, 29

10:00 a.m. to noon Fun Bingo

Friday, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

1:00 p.m. Movie Day

My Fair Lady ..... April 1

7 Brides for 7 Brothers ..... April 8

An Affair to Remember ..... April 15

Miss Congeniality ..... April 22

Four Feathers ..... April 29

## CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

Wednesday, April 13

1:00 p.m. Leisure Club General Meeting

Entertainment: Happy Tappers

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Tuesday, April 12

9:45 a.m. Trip to Hunterdon Play House

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# Spotlight -- The Food Haven

By Justin Watrel

The Food Haven may have changed names several times over the years, but it still looks and feels the same.

The first (and last) time I walked into the restaurant was 1976, when it was still named the Town Lunch.

I had a French toast breakfast with my grandfather after I had finished the fifth grade.

The old Town Lunch has been through several incarnations since going by names Pat's Cup & Saucer and Ingers.

Having bought the restaurant from the previous owners in 2003, the restaurant now named The Food Haven, opened December of that year by new owners, Mary and Albert Rivera.

Mary Rivera, who runs the restaurant full time, comes from a family where running small businesses was part of their life.

"My father ran several businesses over the years," Mary admitted, "so I grew up always wanting to create something and call it my own."

Albert Rivera comes from a restaurant background. His family runs a Mexican restau-

rant in Brick, New Jersey that has garnered excellent reviews.

Mary came to this country from Turkey with her parents when she was twelve years old. Albert is American born of Mexican descendants.

When they bought the business, the Riveras found that they liked the location of the restaurant because of its proximity to home, its prime spot on the Boulevard and the history behind the establishment.

"It's a family orientated luncheonette that reminded me of the show 'Cheers', where everyone knows your name.

I enjoy interacting with our long time customers and conversing with them.

It amazes me how many people have been coming to the restaurant every week for so many years."

Their business has been surprisingly good since they opened the doors of the restaurant as The Food Haven.

"We have a very good word of mouth," Mary said, "we have people coming from all over Bergen County to check us out."

What has really surprised the owners of The Food Haven

is that for all the people who come from other towns, not many people from Hasbrouck Heights have come in to see what the restaurant has to offer.

"I think people still think of us as just a place for breakfast and a quick lunch. We have so much more on the menu," Mary added.

While the look of the restaurant may not have changed, the menu certainly has, offering many unique menu items and daily specials.

They have kept the traditional items that the restaurant has always been known for such as Lumber Jack breakfasts, grilled cheese, hamburger platters and various salads, the Riveras have added several ethnic dishes based on family recipes from Mary's home country and her mother-in-law's recipes that she brought from Mexico.

"I am very lucky to have inherited a cook that came with the restaurant," Mary said, "he has been with me for three years and makes the most wonderful meals.

What we offer on top of our regular menu is authentic Mexi-

can items that my husband's mother used to make in her home country. Her mole recipe is one of her specialties."

For breakfast, on top of the choices such as egg sandwiches, omelets, pancakes and French toast, Mary has created a full Mexican breakfast.

Some of the items featured are Chorizo Tacos, which are scrambled eggs with Chorizo sausage wrapped in soft tortillas and served with home fries. Egg Quesadillas are flour tortillas stuffed with scrambled eggs, bacon or ham, tomatoes, peppers, onions and melted American cheese and her Huevos Rancheros, three eggs made your way with mild salsa and a blend of Monterey Jack and Cheddar cheese over lightly fried tortillas.

Mary stresses that her salsas are all homemade in house and that her supplier of tortillas and Chorizo sausage come from specialty Mexican suppliers in Passaic, so they are truly authentic.

For lunch, the menu features such items as club sandwiches, hamburger platters, various salads (*tossed, chicken, tuna, and egg*), Philly cheese steaks and an assortment of wraps.

On her Mexican lunch menu, she has added items such as Mole Enchiladas (*with her Mother-in-law's recipe*), which is chicken and tortillas cooked with the mole sauce, topped with lettuce, onions, radishes, Mexican cheese and sour cream.

Her Tostadas are flat crispy corn tortillas topped with chicken prepared in Chile Chipotle sauce, refried beans, lettuce, cheese and sour cream.

She also has soft tacos (*chicken or beef*) and Fajitas on the menu.

She has also been experimenting with Greek and Turkish dishes on the daily specials.

Daily breakfast and lunch specials are available every day and there is always a fresh soup of the day. Mary stresses "almost all our items are made from scratch here in the restaurant.

We make all our own meatballs, meatloaf, barbecue and salsa sauces.

Our soups are all made in house every day and our hamburger meat comes from a specialty butcher and are hand-formed in our kitchen.

They are not the frozen pre-formed type used in most restaurants.

We strive for the best quality in all our menu items."

Most of the baking is also done on premises such as their apple pies, muffins, rice pudding and their specialty, homemade flan (*a type of caramel custard*).

Some of the daily items have included Cajun Chicken on a Pita, Corned Beef Reubens, Chicken Quesadilla, BBQ Pork on a hard roll, Spaghetti with meatballs and breaded Shrimp with French fries. Soups include Chicken Noodle, Split Pea, Beef Barley and Vegetable.

The daily specials change every day and with Mary's sense of quality, she makes only a certain amount so that they are always fresh.

"If I run out, I run out. I want my customers to have the best quality food," Mary said.

One thing Mary stressed was that The Food Haven has parking in front of the restaurant and has a parking lot in the back.

"Parking is at such a premium on the Boulevard and many customers don't know all they have to do is round the corner and we have our parking lot.

Also, we are in walking distance from all over town."

Mary has also started catering and does take out orders and delivery. "All you have to do is call us and we will take care of the rest.

We want to let people in Hasbrouck Heights know that we are open for business seven days a week and to come try us out," Mary said, "they will be very happy with our menu and especially our prices.

We are a perfect place to take your family for breakfast and lunch.

We want our restaurant to be part of the community."

The Food Haven is located at 452 Boulevard. Phone 201-288-7778. The web site is: [www.foodhaven.nopots.com](http://www.foodhaven.nopots.com) ###



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# Library News

## April for Kids at the Library

by Michele Reutty,  
Library Director

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is the place to be for children of all ages. The Children's Room serves kids from birth to 6th grade and has programs for them all. Refreshments for all programs are provided by the Friends of the Library.

Registration for the following programs begins at 10 a.m. on the given dates:

**Tiny Tots** is for children from birth to 2½ years old. Caregivers can network with others who have children in the same age range while their children play with toys provided. Registration begins Tuesday, March 29th for sessions beginning either Tuesday, April 5th or Thursday, April 7th at 10:30 a.m.

**Mom & Me** is a participatory song and story hour with caregivers and children learn-

ing songs and finger plays. This is a wonderful way to spend quality time with your 2½ to 3½ year old child. Registration begins March 30th for either session: Wednesday, April 6th or Friday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m.

**Building Blocks** is for children ages 3½ to 5. Children listen to stories and do a simple craft. Moms or caregivers do not stay with their child during the activity, but must stay in the building. Call after 10 a.m. beginning on Monday, March 28th for sessions that start Monday, April 4th or Thursday, April 7th at 1:15 p.m.

**Upcoming programs** for the Library's Children's Room include a family Monopoly afternoon in honor of National Library Week (April 10th -17th) and a Craft Night. Call the Children's Room at 201-288-8911 to register or for information about any of these programs. ###

## 2nd Annual Wine and Delights

The Hasbrouck Heights Library Board of Trustees are having their "Second Annual Wine and Delights."

The event starts 4:30 p.m., Sunday, April 3 at The Ivy Inn.

The cost is \$45 per person. All proceeds will go the The Friends of the Library Endowment Fund.

For ticket info call the Library at 201-288-0488 or Maryetta at 201-288-3242. ###

### About the Pavers

Engraved brick pavers with Veterans' names were placed in a Memorial Walkway in Veterans Park on Terrace & Passaic late April 2003. About 120 bricks were engraved and integrated into the walkway surrounding the Memorial Stone, and as of December 31, 2004, there are about 200 with more on order.

Bricks are available to all veterans from all services. To participate, it is not necessary for the veteran to be a member of the VFW or American Legion, nor be a deceased veteran. Bricks are 4" x 8" with 13 characters per line with a maximum of 3 lines. Cost \$50 each. Contact Boro Clerk's office at 201-288-0195.

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## Memorial Weekend Bicycle Marathon

The 11th Annual 24-hour Memorial Weekend Bicycle Marathon is tentatively scheduled to be held at Depken Field starting on Saturday May 28 at 10:00 a.m. and concluding Sunday May 29 at 10:00 a.m.

The event is open to all Heights sixth through ninth graders. About 200 boys & girls participate in over 30 teams.

Teams consist of a minimum of four participants with an optional fifth person as a coach/mechanic.

Each team is responsible for keeping its bicycle moving at all times. Each rider is required to wear a bicycle helmet while on the bicycle.

Participants are required to stay on the field at all times. Each team is responsible for tents, sleeping bags, clothing and food.

Water and sports drinks will be provided.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$20 is required and each participant will receive a bicycle helmet and T-shirt.

The Marathon is sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Police Department. Call 201-288-1000 for more information. ###

## More practical tips for taking better photographs

By Bob Major

Everyone enjoys having photographs of family, friends, or perhaps a vacation.



Often a simple adjustment will improve the final photograph, whether you are using an inexpensive camera or the biggest and best new digital camera.

It might be helpful to look through your favorite magazine and pay attention to how professional photographers "frame" their subjects.

Grouping a nice collection of objects or people together is one way of creating a good image, and isolating a single subject is another.

Try to imagine the final image and decide what you would like to see in it.

A picture of a group of people standing together can turn out nicely if you ask them to act natural and place them in a natural position.

For example, having them all sit and stand randomly around a bench in a park or your back yard is more natural than having them line up like a group of baseball players for a team photo. The surrounding scenery can provide more color

and interest as well.

Sometimes it is a good idea to include other objects as a reference for size. Standing your little child next to a door will help to show their height at that particular age.

The most common mistake amateur photographers make is including too much background that is not necessary for the photograph.

Moving a little closer or zooming in on your subject will create a better composition and separate them from the background. Getting closer also allows you to see more detail in your subject. Note: be sure not to get closer than the minimum focusing distance of the camera you're using. This will result in an out of focus or distorted image.

Some of the best photographs of people are those that include just head and shoulders which will show detail and expression of their faces.

Another common mistake is to compose an image of a single subject horizontally. Don't be afraid to turn the camera to achieve a nicer composition. Remember when you turn the camera for an indoor image, keep the flash at the top end not the bottom. You don't want the flash to create shadows in an upward direction.

Most of all. Have fun with it. ###

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## Memorial Day Parade May 30

The Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled to start at 10:00 a.m. on May 30 at Williams Avenue, march along Terrace Avenue and conclude at Memorial Park at Passaic Avenue.

A brief Veterans ceremony will be held, followed by services at the Fireman's Memorial at The Circle.

This annual event is co-sponsored by the James B. Scarr Post 106 American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4591.

The public is encouraged to participate in this patriotic event. ###

## Dog license due -- Late fees apply

2005 dog license renewal was due by January 31, 2005.

Failure to renew a license will result in legal action.

Call the Health Department if you no longer have your pet.

For more info contact the Health Department at 201-288-1636. ###

## Schwartz Earns Florida Trip

Vinnia Schwartz's memory keeping efforts earned her recognition for: Passport Incentive Trip to Destin, Florida.

Schwartz was recently recognized at Creative Memories' 2005 Regional Convention on February 4-5 in White Plains, NY.

Schwartz is among more than 90,000 Creative Memories Consultants in 10 countries who teach people how to organize and preserve their photos and chronicle their family history in safe, meaningful keepsake photo albums. ###

## Volunteers Wanted

The Bergen County Animal Shelter is seeking volunteers to work one day a week in several programs. Volunteers must be 18 years or older and have a love and dedication to the well being of the orphaned shelter animals. Call 201-646-3200, Ext.302 for more information.

## HHFD Annual Inspection May 14

The public is invited to attend The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department Annual Inspection at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2005.

Department personnel will be in full dress uniform. The equipment and new headquarters will be presented for inspection.

Department personnel will be available to answer any questions.

This is the first inspection in the new facility since The Big Fire in 1999.

The event is attended by local officials as well as Fire Chiefs from area towns. ###

## VFW Post 4591 Hosts Smoke Free Bingo Thursdays

The VFW sponsors a smoke-free bingo on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Proceeds are used to support charitable activities. Call the Post for more info at 201-288-1112. ###

# Rec Trek 2005

The HH Recreation Department announced details of the 2005 Summer Playground Program.

This year's six week camp will be held in Woodland Park June 27 through August 5, Monday through Friday (*weather permitting*), except Monday, July 4.

This is a full time summer day camp which means children

stay through lunch with their counselors. Parents do not have to pick up their children until 3:30 p.m.

Children are expected to bring their own lunch and drink, but are allowed to go home for lunch with their parent's permission.

Each day there will be playground activities such as kick ball, coloring, table games, wiffle ball, stick ball, jump ropes, arts & crafts, as well as story telling, children's and teen activities, contests, etc. sessions and special theme days.

Numerous field trips are scheduled to include: Bowcraft Amusement Park, Wild West City, Icehouse, Rex Plex, Six Flags Great Adventure and Medieval Times.

Trips are geared for all ages and will be supervised by camp counselors.

Special theme days include Anti Drug Day, I Love America Day, Halloween in July Day, Carnival Day, Camp Talent Show and Olympic Day.

The Recreation Department stated there will be enough supervision to handle the children and that children's safety is a main priority.

Registration will be done ahead of time in the Recreation Department office May 13 and 20 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. -- there will be no signing up in the park.

Trip registration is June 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Recreation Department.

Registration is on a first come first served basis. You must register for the complete program to participate in any of the activities.

Camp Rec Trek is open to all Hasbrouck Heights boys and girls ages 6 through 14 who are permanent residents of Hasbrouck Heights.

Proof of residency and birth certificates must be shown upon demand.

The cost is \$75 per child plus optional trips. The non-refundable fee includes all playground activities, most theme days and a "Rec Trek" camp shirt.

Call Rob Brady at the Recreation Department at 201-288-4143 for more information. ###

## Chamber Banner Days

The Chamber of Commerce announced that they are planning a "Banner Days" sidewalk sale for the weekend of June 9, 10 and 11.

About 25 businesses participate in this annual event.

Any business or professional seeking information should contact George at 201-288-2130. ###

## HH Leisure Club Niagara Falls Trip

The Hasbrouck Heights Leisure Club is sponsoring a trip to Niagara Falls from September 19 to 23, 2005.

The trip includes four nights' lodging in Niagara Falls, Canada, four breakfasts and full course dinners.

The cost is \$500 per person double occupancy and includes all taxes and gratuities.

For more info call Alice Shenloogian at 201-288-4732. ###

## HHPD Promotes Firearm Safety

Hasbrouck Heights Chief of Police Michael Colaneri encourages residents to pick up a Project Childsafe safety kit to securely store their firearms.

The goal is to prevent a child or any other unauthorized person from accessing firearms in the home.

Kits are available at the Record Room window of the Police Department, 248 Hamilton Ave., Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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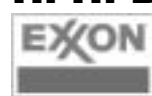
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# Hundreds Participate in Heig



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These young ladies proudly displaying their baskets.



Hasbrouck Heights Police Chief Michael Colaneri began the countdown, blew his whistle, then qu





# ghts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

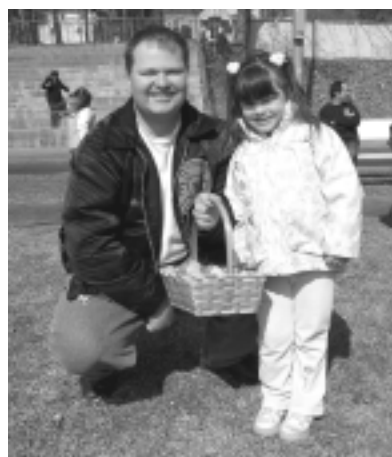


The Easter Bunny gave an Easter toy to the children during this wonderful photo opportunity.



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ickly got out of the way as these youngsters bolted for "The Big Hunt"



Prizes for "chick" eggs



Mayor's Celebration Committee with the "Easter Bunny"



# Heights Celebrates The Chinese New Year

By Justin Watrel

On Saturday, February 19th, the Friends of the Hasbrouck Heights Library held a Chinese New Year Dim Sum Lunch.

The event was held at the New China Chef in Rutherford, New Jersey to a wonderful turnout.

Over a hundred patrons of the library enjoyed assorted Dim Sum (*little appetizers*), which included Spring Rolls, Bow Buns, Shrimp Dumplings, Pork Dumplings and Roast Pork Buns that were made especially for the event. Five different dishes that included General Tao's Chicken, Beef with Flat Noodles, and House Fried Rice were presented buffet style. For dessert, traditional Egg Custards and Fortune cookies with Orange slices were served.

It gave many patrons a chance to try items that most people do not see outside of traditional Dim Sum lunches in New York's Chinatown. The event was organized by Friends President Susanne Kepsel, Library Director Michele Reutty and Assistant Library Director Mimi Hui.



The Chinese calendar is based on a combination of the lunar and solar movements. The lunar cycle is about 29.5 days. In order to "catch up" with the solar calendar the Chinese insert an extra month once every few years (*seven years out of a 19 year cycle*). This is the same as adding an extra day on leap years. This is why, according to the solar calendar, the Chinese New Year falls on a different date each year. New Year's Eve and New Year's Day are celebrated as a family affair, a time of reunion and thanksgiving.

The celebration was traditionally highlighted with a religious ceremony given in honor of Heaven and Earth, the gods of the household and family ancestors.

On New Year's Day, the Chinese family will eat a vegetarian dish called jai. Although the various ingredients in jai are root vegetables or fibrous vegetables, many attribute various superstitious aspects to them.

Foods include a whole fish, to represent togetherness and abundance and a chicken for prosperity. The chicken must be presented with a head, tail and feet to symbolize completeness. Noodles should be uncut, as they represent long life.

In South China, the favorite and most typical dishes were

nian gao, sweet steamed glutinous rice pudding and zong zi, glutinous rice wrapped up in reed leaves.

In the north, steamed-wheat bread (*man tou*) and small meat dumplings are the preferred food. The tremendous amount of food prepared at this time was meant to symbolize abundance and wealth for the household.

## The History of Chinese New Year

Prior to New Year's Day, Chinese families decorate their living rooms with vases of pretty flowers, platters of oranges and tangerines and a candy tray with eight varieties of dried sweet fruit. On walls and doors are poetic couplets, happy wishes written on red paper.

Every traditional Chinese household should have live blooming plants to symbolize rebirth and new growth. Flowers are believed to be symbolic of wealth and high positions in one's career. Lucky is the home with a plant that blooms on New Year's Day, for that foretells a year of prosperity.

The Chinese firmly believe that without flowers, there would be no formation of any fruits. Therefore, it is of the ut-

most importance to have flowers and floral decorations. Etiquette also dictates that you must bring a bag of oranges and tangerines and enclose a lai see when visiting family or friends anytime during the two-week long Chinese New Year celebration. Tangerines with leaves intact assure that one's relationship with the other remains secure.

The candy tray arranged in either a circle or octagon is called "The Tray of Togetherness" and has a dazzling array of candy to start the New Year sweetly. After taking several pieces of candy from the tray, adults place a red envelope (*lai see*) on the center compartment of the tray. Each item represents some kind of good fortune.

During the New Year, the entire house should be cleaned before New Year's Day. On New Year's Eve, all brooms, brushes, dusters, dust pans and other cleaning equipment are put away. Sweeping or dusting should not be done on New Year's Day for fear that good fortune will be swept away. After New Year's Day, the floors may be swept. Beginning at the door, the dust and rubbish are swept to the middle of the parlor, then placed in the corners and not taken or thrown out until the fifth day.

At no time should the rubbish in the corners be trampled upon. In sweeping, there is a superstition that if you sweep the dirt out over the threshold, you will sweep one of the family away. To sweep the dust and dirt out of your house by the front entrance is to sweep away the good fortune of the family; it must always be swept

inwards and then carried out, then no harm will follow. All dirt and rubbish must be taken out the back door.

Shooting off firecrackers on New Year's Eve is the Chinese way of sending out the old year and welcoming in the New Year. On the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve, every door in the house and even windows, have to be open to allow the old year to get out. All debts have to be paid by this time. Nothing should be lent on this day, as anyone who does so will be lending all the year. Everyone should refrain from using foul language and bad or unlucky words. Negative terms and the word "four", which sounds like the word for death, are not to be uttered. Death and dying are never mentioned and ghost stories are totally taboo. If you cry on New Year's Day, you will cry all through the year. Therefore, children are tolerated and are not spanked, even though they are mischievous.

On New Year's Day, we are not supposed to wash our hair because it would mean we would have washed away good luck for the New Year. Red clothing is preferred during this festive occasion. Red is considered a bright, happy color, sure to bring the wearer a sunny and bright future. Children and unmarried friends, as well as close relatives are given lai see, little red envelopes with crisp one dollar bills inserted, for good fortune.

While many Chinese people today may not believe in these do's and don'ts, these traditions and customs are kept because most families realize that it is these very traditions, whether believed or not, that provide continuity with the past and provide the family with an identity. ###

Photos by Marie Gallo



Assistant Library Director Mimi Hui and Friends of the Library President Susanne Kepsel

After a delicious lunch with wonderful conversation, the group was treated to a speech by Mimi Hui. Ms. Hui, who was applauded by the group as the winner of the New York Times Librarian of the Year, spoke about the history of the Chinese New Year and how she celebrated it growing up. Ms. Hui shared some of her stories of her family life as an American raised in a traditional Chinese household in Passaic, New Jersey. She explained how her family adapted to their new country and blended the best of both worlds to make the celebration special.

The Chinese New Year starts with the New Moon on the first day of the New Year and ends on the full moon 15 days later. The 15th day of the New Year is called the Lantern Festival, which is celebrated at night with lantern displays and children carrying lanterns in a parade.

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# How Much Life Insurance Do You Really Need?

Submitted by  
 Dave Maschio, Financial Rep, New England Financial of North Jersey

Sometimes people buy life insurance before performing a financial needs analysis.

They might choose an amount that seems comfortable, without actually taking into account all the potential expenses their families might face in the event of an untimely death.

If they did make an objective assessment of the possible economic consequences, they would be doing what is called a financial needs analysis.

In fact, you could analyze your own financial needs by following a few simple steps.

First, total the value of all the things that you and/or your spouse own. These are your assets. (Enter amounts in one column for yourself, and in another column for your spouse.)

Next, list and evaluate all expenses that you or your family may face, in case one spouse dies. These are your potential liabilities.

When totaling your assets and insurance, you might typically include what you currently have in savings and retirement funds (such as IRAs, 401(k) plans, or TSAs, etc.), as well as real estate and existing life insurance.

In order to determine how much cash is needed following

the death of a spouse, take a look at these potential cash needs and assign a dollar amount to each:

**1. Immediate Money Fund.** The total cost of possible medical and hospital expenses, outstanding bills, burial costs, and attorney/executor fees. (It may be sufficient to set aside 50% of the higher wage earner's annual income for this purpose.)

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**3. Emergency Fund.** Unexpected bills not readily payable from current income, such as major home and car repairs, or even medical emergencies. (Again, 50% of the higher wage earner's annual income may be sufficient.)

**4. Mortgage/Rent Payment Fund.** How much would you need to pay off your mortgage or provide for at least ten years' apartment rent should one spouse die?

**5. Child/Home Care Fund.** Expenses created as a result of the death of a spouse who had been performing child and/or home care duties, but was not receiving any payments for it. (Estimate the cost of hired help needed to substitute your spouse's duties.)

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# A Visit with Fire Chief Joe Taylor

By Justin Watrel

Some Hasbrouck Heights residents don't realize what a heavily trafficked area we live in.

Surrounded by major highways, a small but busy airport close by and a twelve mile trip that's straight to midtown Manhattan, we really are a town that leads to everywhere.

The drawback of this type of accessibility is that we have our share of accidents, from bus breakdowns and car wrecks to the recent plane crash in Teterboro and remind us all too well of where this type of rapid transit can lead.

Recently I sat down with Joe Taylor, Jr., who was sworn in as our new Chief of the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department. Chief Taylor, as many residents may remember, was one of the firefighters that led a team of men from Hasbrouck Heights to help with the rescue and recovery at Ground Zero.

As the new chief, I asked what were some of the goals and plans he had for leading the fire department. "Now that we have moved into the firehouse, it's getting everything in order and getting the proper equipment we need to get the job done."

**6. Education Fund.** The cost of funding a four-year undergraduate education or comparable vocational training for your children.

The total of all of the above costs minus your liquid assets and life insurance would give you your new cash needs.

The numbers will be different for you and for your spouse, because assets and existing life insurance, as well as child/home care amounts, are likely to be different.

The steps noted above are a simple way for a family to figure out how much life insurance is really needed.

Circumstances vary from person to person and from family to family.

Analyzing your financial needs in detail is an important step toward determining the right coverage for you and your family.

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Our main goal of the department is to make sure people stay safe when we answer a call," the Chief said.

The recent plane crash really put our department and the other new chiefs of the department, First Assistant Chief Angelo Roccamo and Second Assistant Chief Mike Ratkowski to the test, which they handled with the utmost in professionalism.

It has also made Hasbrouck Heights residents aware of what type of situation we have living so close to an airport that keeps getting busier.

As the population grows in this area, the traffic in all forms of transportation that caters to New York City will continue to grow as well.

That's why Chief Taylor is fighting to get new equipment to help the department become proactive instead of reactive. "Some of the equipment we need are thermal-imaging cameras.

These work on the heat of the body to help find people. Also, we need a foam pumper to help with airplane fires.

Working so close to the airport, this piece of equipment is very important and we don't want to waste precious minutes in putting a fire out," the Chief said.

The ladder truck, from 1990, is going to need replacing.

"People don't realize since 9/11 that firefighters carry more equipment for protection," the Chief said.

He also added that the department has also been going through extra training.

He encourages his members when they want to take classes to improve their firefighting skills.

The state is requiring more of firefighters in areas such as Hazardous Waste Materials and the chief also encourages members to take Firefighter Two at the academy in Mahwah (the state currently requires only Firefighter One).

"Today's firefighters are becoming better trained in many different aspects of safety like HAZMAT and Anti-terrorism. We live in a different world."

Chief Taylor also would like to see more community involvement.

"The department now has

54 members and that puts a strain on the membership. All the members have full time jobs on top of firefighting duties and their family life."

The Chief was recently talking with a resident in town who has lived here for two years and didn't realize that our firefighters aren't paid.

She was under the impression that we were always at the house. "We might not always be at the house but we will always be there for the town.

Some people don't realize that we cover Teterboro as well." If someone wants to get involved, the Chief added, the department is always looking for new recruits.

On top of a background check and a physical, once approved and accepted, the applicant goes through basic training in Firefighter One at the Bergen County Fire Academy. There is also lots of on the job training with experienced firefighters in the department.

It is not all fighting fires, the Chief said. The department also participates in The Fire Safety Days at the schools in town, the Bike A Thon, where the members work all day and cook for the participants, the Band Events, town parades and the department's annual Visit from Santa, where the members have various stops around town.

"Also, we have get together as members to build our team spirit. We are like a second family to one another," the Chief said.

The department also has an annual appeal as a fundraiser for the department and this contribution greatly helps the department.

Chief Taylor's second career on top of his responsibilities at the firehouse is as a professional EMT in the Hackensack Fire Department and as a husband to his wife, Colleen and son, Jason (who the Chief hopes one day will follow in his footsteps).

The Chief is a life resident of Hasbrouck Heights and a HHHS alumnus. His parents, who currently reside in Florida, had lived in town for forty years.

When asked how he got involved with the department, the 19 year veteran said, "I was coming home from school during my senior year and I saw some firemen putting out a house fire.

Three days later I signed up to join the fire department." When asked what made it so influential, the Chief said "I can't mention why for sure, but just something inside said that this was something I wanted to do."###

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# A Visit One Year After the New Library Dedication

By Justin Watrel

"Have you visited our new library lately?" is a question many people in Hasbrouck Heights are asking each other.

Located on the second floor of our brand new Municipal Building at 320 Boulevard, our new library is now into the 21st Century.

All new computers, furniture and new lighting and book fixtures have given the library a cool contemporary feel and

replaced our old library, which was cramped, with not much room for programming and was not handicap accessible.

The new library was the brainchild of a group of very dedicated Hasbrouck Heights citizens over the past five years, who felt that the town deserved more.

When talking with former Assemblywoman Rose Heck, she commented that before she left office the one thing she



On August 18, 1999, Governor Christie Todd Whitman signing a \$45 million dollar NJ State Library Improvements Bill at the Free Public Library located on Division Avenue. The bill was sponsored by Assemblywoman Rose Marie Heck, R-Hasbrouck Heights and Assemblyman Leonard Lance, R-Hunterdon.

(L-r) Assemblyman Guy Talerico, Assemblyman Leonard Lance, Gov. Christie Whitman, Assemblywoman Rose Marie Heck and HH Library Director Michele Reutty

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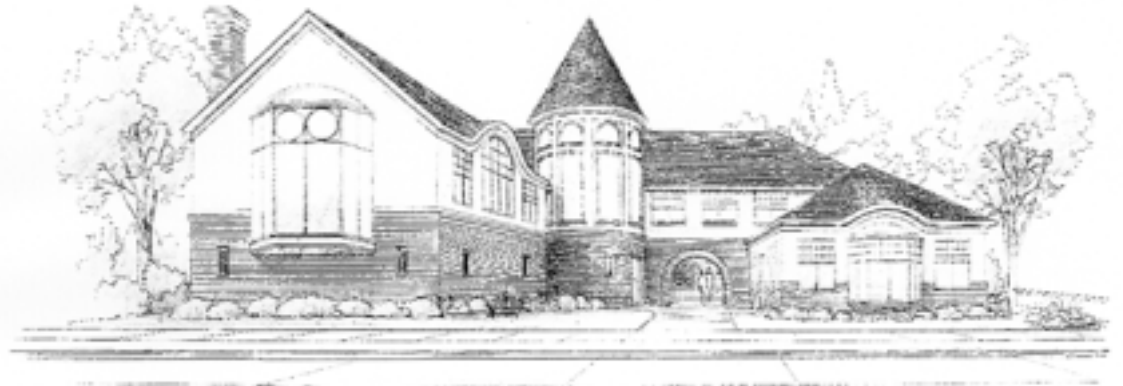
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This was one of the earlier architect renderings of the "Hasbrouck Heights Library/Senior Center" that was considered, but not accepted. The land had been acquired at the corner of The Boulevard and Central Avenue prior to "The Big Fire". Circa October 1999.

wanted to see was the building of a new library.

Mrs. Heck, a charter member of the Friends of the Library and one of its biggest boosters, has been a fan of libraries since she was a little girl. Over the years it had been suggested that the town buy adjoining land to the old library and add on to it. To make the old library handicap accessible would have been cost prohibitive.

When she moved to her new position as Assemblywoman, Mrs. Heck set out to seek funding for improvements. When a survey was done to see what the needs for local librar-

ies were, she and others working on it found that the local libraries were grossly underfunded.

So under the Whitman administration, Mrs. Heck introduced the "Heck Bill" to provide funding not just for Hasbrouck Heights, but for towns all over the state. The original 15 million dollar a year grant was changed to a 45 million dollar a year grant for a period of three years that benefited libraries all over the state.

Hasbrouck Heights received \$700,000 in which to start the building of our library.

Former Mayor William

Torre was fully committed to a new library and the council pledged their support. Even before the fire in the old Municipal building back in 1999, the new administration thought it was time to investigate a new building that would house the library and a new Senior Center.

The fire actually gave the town a new reason to start from scratch. When asked why the new library location was picked, the former mayor replied "We simply folded a map of Hasbrouck Heights and put it in the middle of town and on the

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edge of the downtown business district”.

Using the architectural firm of Arcare & Iovino of Little Ferry, the feeling was to give the new building a ‘colonial look’ based on the town’s colonial heritage.

The design of the new building would be different from the old building too. It would be on one floor to make it more efficient and give it a cleaner look. “The architects were very hands on” the former Mayor noted “and were a great influence on the contemporary look in the design inside the building”.

Much of this was based on a 1996 study that the town developed that found that before the fire most people found the library too small and materials were bursting at the seam.

At the time, Hasbrouck Heights was considered a ‘destination library’ and was being used by patrons from other towns.

A study in the Record Newspaper had noted that Hasbrouck Heights was one of the busiest libraries in Bergen County, considering the population size of the town.

Former Mayor Torre’s family added to the library by donating money for the Jean Torre Children’s Room. “My mother put the needs of children before herself and our family donated the money because our parents loved children so much and wanted to give more back.”

Our library staff has been the major contribution that has made our library what it is today, with a staff that dedicates themselves to going the extra

mile.

“We had a wonderful collaboration effort of the whole community” said Michele Reutty, the director of the library. “With the support of the town council and the Board of Trustees, we met with many focus groups on what the needs of the new library should be.

Of the five to six focus groups we dealt with, most people stressed more space. We wanted to paint the big picture and then fill in the canvas.”

Peter Gallo, our current President of the Board of Trustees said “we wanted to put the library back on track and make it more technology driven and bring it into the 21st Century.” Assisting Ms. Reutty at the library, Mimi Hui (*who was 2004 New York Times “Librarian of the Year”*) added “a library is more than just computers and books, it’s a connection of people to people and the support that the community gives it.”

The current President of the Friends of the Library, Susanne Kepsel said that “the library should serve as the cultural center of the community, offering diverse programming for adults, teenagers and children alike.

The sky’s the limit on programming.” Mrs. Kepsel wanted to add it was donations from people like former Mayor William Torre’s family for the Children’s Room and former Mayor Bill Imken’s wife, Marcia for the History Room that will further advance the use of the library.

The Friends also have added their support as being a major fundraising arm of the library, supporting the library



Finally, groundbreaking ceremonies were conducted Saturday, October 13, 2001

through various programs.

The ever successful “High Tea” at Neiman Marcus has proven successful as well as the recent “Wine & Delights” at the Ivy Inn that have helped raise money for the library. Mrs. Kepsel wanted to remind Hasbrouck Heights residents that the annual “Book & Bake Sale” would be going on from April 17-24th. The money raised will continue to fund programming at the library.

When asked how they see the future of the library, former Mayor Torre said he was glad that he was involved with the library’s development and the community involvement to get the library to where it is today.

Both he and Mr. Gallo agreed that “the library should be receptive to community needs and should listen to the needs and wants of its patrons.” Former Mayor Torre went further in saying he would like to see the library become self-sufficient and to create an endowment to support it.

The library staff is enthusi-

astic about building on the programming that is already in place. “Now that we have the room that we didn’t have before” says Ms. Hui “we want to be the type of one stop shopping for the community.”

Some future programming that everyone wants to see is more senior programming in conjunction with the Senior Center downstairs, an “Oral History of Hasbrouck Heights”, where long time residents can share their stories of the town, a book club to further community get-togethers and theater productions of local artists.

Other ideas are events such as cooking classes, International Food events, computer training on things like the internet and more programming for teenagers. Ms. Hui wants to continue to build on her very successful “Young Adults” program that has attracted teenagers from around town.

With 28 members, its book discussion is one of the largest in Bergen County. “Talk it up” is another program that serves

as an ice breaker and is very teen friendly adds Ms. Hui. Mrs. Heck wanted to see the creation of a “Children’s Garden”, a place for young children to sit and read in a comfortable atmosphere that was located near the library.

In sharing their final thoughts of our new library, Ms. Hui and Ms. Reutty said “We want to be the town’s worst kept secret. We want people to come to the library once to see what we have and what we can do for them. We feel we have something for everyone and are trying to help everyone the best way we know how.

We love to find things that other libraries can’t” (*writer’s note: the librarians found an Easter recipe from a book that Hasbrouck Heights didn’t have and had it faxed over from the Livingston Library. This shows the length of dedication this staff has to our library and I’m sure there are others*). Mr. Gallo also pointed out that the Board of Trustees is receptive to any new ideas and if the people of Hasbrouck Heights have any suggestions, that the board will consider them.

For people in town who have said that the new library was too expensive or was so big that it looked like the “Taj Mahal”, our library staff and the boards that have supported them are eager for you to visit the new library downtown and see where your hard earned tax dollars are going.

We have a beautiful new library with a supportive and dedicated staff that is ready once again to serve the communities’ needs.

Mrs. Heck summed it up nicely when she said “Libraries are magical places, where you can see things from A to Z that you never saw before. Libraries put a light on things happening in our community and we should support them as well.”

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# Guild of Reformed Church Women

By Elsie Paolini

Twenty four women make up what we call the Guild of Reformed Women in the Reformed Church of Hasbrouck Heights.

Theoretically all women of the church are members but we twenty four are the ones who pay dues and, except for one, come to meetings. *(She is in a nursing home)*

Why are these women special enough to write about? Because for forty five years we have held together when so many other Guilds have disbanded.

We formed a group in 1960 firmly committed to the purposes of service, Christian fellowship and spirituality and we have not departed from that commitment.

Before 1960 there were four women's groups in the local Reformed Church: the Missionary Society, the League for Christian Services, the Young Women's Fellowship and the Ladies Aid. It was the Ladies Aid that instigated the founding of the Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights in 1883.

In 1958 the national department of women decided that "Women's Work" be consolidated into one unit in each church, to be called a Guild.

And so it was that our Guild started to function in January 1960. At first there were almost 150 signed up but soon members settled to 120, then 100.

The oldest member of the church, one of the founders' was a Ladies Aid. She of course soon died and so did the other Ladies Aiders. Women in large numbers started to work full time and so the members in the Guild went down.

We met once a month as a whole for business and programs and once a month in small "circles."

For several years there were ten circles plus the Ladies Aid who also met once a month. Now the Guild meets four times a year and there are two circles that meet once a month.

The circles met for devotional studies, to learn what is going on the national as well as the local church, to plan projects and to form lasting friendships.

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## Hasbrouck Heights Council of Churches Easter Thoughts

by Rev. Karen L. Wiseman, Pastor, First United Methodist Church

### Springing into Easter

One of my fondest memories of Easter was going shopping for new dresses and shoes for Easter Sunday services at our church.

But it was not the shopping that I enjoyed (*since anyone who knows me knows that shopping is not my thing*) – it was the fact that Spring was coming and we were going to get to play outside more.

I always have associated Easter with warm weather – even though I have experienced stormy and snowy weather on Easter on several occasions.

And it is the warm weather, new budding plants, flowers, and sunshine of Spring that make me smile.

Now that I am a parent, the coming of Spring means getting some peace and quiet as my son will be able to play outside more.

It means getting a break from being the "entertainer" when the weather is not good enough to be outside.

The other thing that Spring reminds me of is the warmth of the sun on my face and the feeling of joy I get when I feel that

warmth.

Easter does the same thing – since it is also about feeling the warmth of the Son in our lives and about receiving amazing feelings of joy when we feel that warmth.

God loves us so much that God sent His only Son to die so that we might live.

Unfortunately, too many of us live without the warmth of the Son, too many of us never go outside of ourselves and our daily lives to play, and too many of us never feel that amazing joy that faith can bring.

This Easter I invite you to feel God's love – again or for the first time.

Attend the church of your choice. Spend time with the ones you love. And play – with your kids, with your spouse and family, or with your life.

Make room in your life to feel the love of God in Jesus Christ.

You will never feel anything else quite like it – and you will never again be caught in the cold winds of winter all alone.

Feel the warmth of God's love – now and always. ###

Eight original members are still active.

In 1960 we took on all the activities of the four groups and we were busy. Spring luncheons were a biggie; so were fish and chips and roast beef dinners.

We dressed dolls for our Arabian Missions and made layettes for needy. For two years we did a special reenact-

ment of The Upper Room drama for Lent.

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### Guild of Reformed Church Women

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Guild women played leading roles in planning and carrying out events to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our church in 1983. It was a year long celebration. Some also took part in renovating the church kitchen and pink lounge.

From the beginning there have been two Reformed Church Women on the board of Friendly Neighbors. Also from the beginning we have participated in World Day of Prayer. Several have been honored by the Bergen County Council of Churches.

Guild members conduct a Prayer Chain. Anyone in need of prayer has only to ask and he or she will receive prayers. Call the church at 201-288-1122.

Some of our members are elders and deacons on the Consistory, the governing body of the church.

Right now labels from certain food products are being collected to send to Cook College in Tempe, AZ, a college and theological school for Native Americans and other minorities.

The coupons will buy a van and other expensive items they need but can't afford. Recently we sent two pounds of clipped coupons.

Health kits are being made up and sent to Church World Service for tsunami victims. We would welcome help. Anyone interested call the church.

Each Mother's Day is Blanket Sunday. Money is collected and sent to Church World Service to buy blankets. A blanket can be a tent, a garment, a blanket, a baby cover, when disaster strikes.

In the same way, for Father's Day, money is collected for Tools of Hope to help people become self sufficient in carpentering, gardening, etc.

Coming up on April 9 is our annual roast beef dinner and on April 22 and 23 our semi-annual rummage sale takes place. Watch for the ads and come.

When we started our Guild in 1960 we had four purposes: to deepen spiritual life, to study and learn, to serve and to create Christian friendships.

Most important was deepening spiritual life for from that all the rest flows.

Though our members have dwindled and our activities changed with the changing concept of women's role in the church we still keep the faith.

We women of The Reformed Church in Hasbrouck Heights like so many Christian women everywhere have made a difference.

We thank God for the opportunities and will continue as long as He enables us. ###

## Pop Culture Meets Religion

At St. John the Divine Church  
By Jennifer Ashline

Who will be our next American Idol? 30 million Americans are tuning in each week to find out. Television, movies and video games - *we live in a world of visual stimulation* - children of today have full schedules that involve birthday parties and soccer games. Where does church fit into all of this?

45% of American adults attend church on a typical weekend, not including a special event such as a wedding or a funeral (2005). Who wants to go to church when you have 1,000 channels of stimulation at home to watch and a full schedule with your children? How can religion compete with that? Well, the Church of St. John the Divine in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, on the corner of Jefferson and Terrace Avenue, believes that they have found the answer to that question.

Under the supervision of the Church School Director Jennifer Ashline, the children of St. John the Divine are learning what it is like to mix popular culture with religion. Jennifer, who has been a member of St. John's for over 20 years and has been teaching the church school for 11 years, has been studying popular culture for years in both undergraduate and graduate school. She has been developing a film program for the church school that mixes scripture with celluloid. Using the Word of God and the words of television and film stars, Jennifer has developed a way to get the bible across to the children that doesn't have them screaming for hills in boredom.

With religion now becoming more mainstream with the advent of popular films like the Passion of the Christ, this program is a logical step in figuring out how to stimulate the minds of children who live in a very visual world. Building on this idea of the film program, Jennifer has now taken her idea a step even further. The church school children of St. John's have developed their own game show entitled, BibleMaster. The children have designed the entire game under Jennifer's supervision. They have used their own knowledge of pop culture game shows like, Family Feud and Who Wants to be a Millionaire, and have developed their own game. Using their scripture lessons each week, the children have made up the questions for the game from their lessons.

The game show will be presented to the congregation of the church on three different Sundays beginning on Sunday, May 22 and ending its three-week run on June 12 at the church's annual picnic in the park celebration at Woodland Park in Hasbrouck Heights. The contestants of the game show will be the congregation of the church and anyone else who wants to visit the church to watch the game show. One of the church school children has already pointed out: that "the adults better start studying because we know the bible better than they do now." This is exactly the correct answer that St. John's was looking for when Jennifer began the program.

St. John's church school starts at 10:00 every Sunday and runs from September to June. If you have any questions about the program or the game show, please contact Jennifer at: jenniferashline@hotmail.com ###



Girl Scout Sunday

On Sunday, March 6th, Corpus Christi Church celebrated Girl Scout Sunday.



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# Fr. Rod Celebrates Silver Jubilee

On Sunday, March 19, 2005 Rev. Fr. Rodrigo F. San Pedro celebrated his Silver Jubilee.

A mass was held in the Corpus Christi Chapel followed by refreshments in the Corpus Christi School cafeteria.

Members from the Hasbrouck Heights Council of Churches attended.

The program began with welcome remarks by Michelle Murillo, Principal, Corpus Christi Parochial School.

A choral rendition by Philharmonics followed.

There were greetings from the Rosary Society -- Eileen Jeffas of Our Lady of Mercy and Dorothy Bernice of Corpus Christi.

Special dance numbers were provided by Ofie & Sev Baal of Our Lady of Mercy and the Philippine Folk Dance.

Jessie Broderick, Our Lady of Mercy Seniors, and Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Ronald R. Jones provided comments.

The Hasbrouck Heights

Leisure Club did line dancing.

Greetings were made by Rev. Jack Cryan, Pastor, Our Lady of Mercy and Rev. Lewis Papera, Pastor, Corpus Christi Church.

The program concluded with remarks by Fr. Rod.

Fr. Rod was born on January 28, 1947 in Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines.

He was ordained on March 1, 1980 at St. Ferdinand Cathedral, Lucena City, Philippines by Cardinal Jose T. Sanchez.

He attended Luzonian University (*Lucena City, Philippines*) where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Commerce (*Accounting*).

He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy at Carmel Seminary, Sariaya, Quezon, Philippines.

He studied Theology at San Jose Major Seminary in Quezon City, Philippines.

At the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (*Angelicum*) in Rome, Italy he received his Licentiate in Sacred Theology and Doctorate in

Sacred Theology.

Some of his assignments from presbyterial ordination until the present have included: Parochial Vicar, Professor, Procurator, Assisting Priest, Spiritual Director, Adjunct Priest.

He has served as Chaplain at Legion of Mary, Maryhill Academy, Sacred Heart College and Missionary Catechist of St. Therese in Tayabas, Quezon.

Photos by Rev. Ed Glasser and Rev. Carole Suraci. ###



Heights Mayor Ronald R. Jones congratulating Fr. Rodrigo F. San Pedro on his Silver Jubilee.

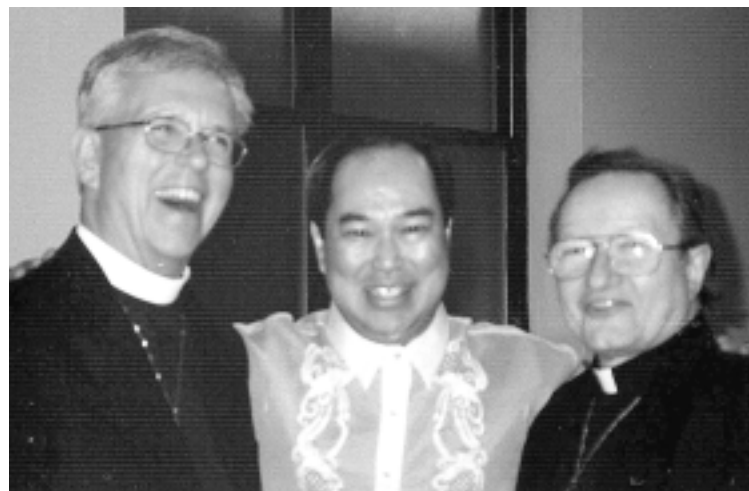


Rev. Fr. Rodrigo F. San Pedro conducting his Silver Jubilee Mass -- coincidentally on The Feast of St. Joseph



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Special dances were presented by Philippine Folk Dance



Members of the Hasbrouck Heights Council of Churches sharing this special moment are (l-r) Rev. Joseph Pickard, Vicar, Church of St. John The Divine, Rev. Msgr. Rodrigo San Pedro, Corpus Christi Church and Rev. Edward J. Glasser, Assoc. Minister, The Community United Church of Christ.



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