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Santa Arrived

Santa arrived at Teterboro Airport by helicopter on Saturday, December 13, 2008. He was chauffeured to the NJ Aviation Hall of Fame by the Port Authority Police in the new Teterboro ARFF (Airport Rescue Fire Fighting) Truck. See story on page 10.

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Christmas Trees for the Holidays

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association sold Christmas Trees again this holiday season at their new location at St. John the Divine lot starting Saturday, November 29th.

They carried an array of over 250 Balsams, Frasers and Douglas Fir trees of various sizes and prices.

This sale has been a Hasbrouck Heights holiday tradition

for over twenty years.

The money raised goes to the HHMA Scholarship Fund that benefits graduating high school seniors from Hasbrouck Heights who want to attend college.

The Hasbrouck Heights Men's Association thanks area residents for their on-going support of their annual Christmas Tree Sale, and wishes everyone a Happy New Year. ###

Care On The Corner Honors Costa Family

On February 6, 2009, Care on the Corner will host a Gala and Auction honoring The Costa Family, owners of **Costa Funeral Home**, located on the Boulevard in Hasbrouck Heights, for their continuing support of Care on the Corner programs. The Gala will be held at The Empire Club, in Little Ferry, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Entertainment will be provided by The Big Easy featuring guest vocalist, Ruth Brisbane, of the Harlem Blues and Jazz Band.

The Program Directors for Care on the Corner will also be honored in this first event of the 2009 fundraising schedule.

For more information and ticket inquiries, contact Gale at 201-288-9460. ###

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

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

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Santa was spotted doing some Christmas shopping at Bill O'Shea's Open House on Sunday, November 23, 2008.

Pasta Night

A pasta night fundraiser to support the Moonachie Cub Scout Pack 2 will be held Friday, January 23, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., at The Graycliff.

Menu includes all you can eat pasta, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, chicken fingers/fries for kids, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. There will also be a 50/50 and tricky tray auction. Music by Joe Zisa of DJ Express. Cost is \$20 per person. Cash bar. For tickets, call Joanne at 201-296-0341 or 201-805-4246. ###



Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Sunday, January 11, 2009, at 03:27. It is called the "Full Wolf Moon."

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

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



Boulevard Carnivale

Otterstedt Insurance Agency held a free pre-parade carnivale with cotton candy, popcorn, etc. Additionally, many businesses, as well as the Recreation Department at the Municipal Complex, offered parade-goers plenty of hot chocolate and goodies to enhance the festivities. ###



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Home Equity Loans vs. Lines of Credit

There are two types of home equity debt: home equity loans and home equity lines of credit, also known as HELOCs. Both are sometimes referred to as second mortgages, because they are secured by your property, just like the original, or primary, mortgage.

Home equity loans and lines of credit usually are repaid in a shorter period than first mortgages. Most commonly, mortgages are set up to be repaid over 30 years. Equity loans and lines of credit often have a repayment period of 15 years, although it might be as short as five and as long as 30 years.

A home equity loan is a

one-time lump sum that is paid off over a set amount of time, with a fixed interest rate and the same payments each month. Once you get the money, you cannot borrow further from the loan.

A home equity line of credit, or HELOC, works more like a credit card because it has a revolving balance. A HELOC allows you to borrow up to a certain amount for the life of the loan -- a time limit set by the lender. During that time, you can withdraw money as you need it. As you pay off the principal, you can use the credit again, like a credit card.

A HELOC gives you more flexibility than a fixed-rate home equity loan. It also is possible to remain in debt with a home equity loan, paying only interest and not paying down principal.

A line of credit has a variable interest rate that fluctuates over the life of the loan. Pay-

ments vary depending on the interest rate, the amount owed and whether the credit line is in the draw period or the repayment period.

During the equity line's draw period, you can borrow against it and the minimum monthly payments cover only the interest, although you can elect to pay principal.

During the repayment period, you can't add new debt and must repay the balance over the remaining life of the loan.

A line of credit is accessed by check, credit card or electronic transfer ordered by phone. Lenders often require you to take an initial advance when you set up the loan, withdraw a minimum amount each time you dip into it and keep a minimum amount outstanding.

With either a home equity loan or a line of credit, you have to pay off the balance when you sell the house. ###

Felician Sisters Celebrate "Feast of Epiphany" with a Sacred Concert

The Felician Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Province of Lodi, New Jersey, will present a Sacred Concert entitled, "The Glory of Christmas."


The Christmas Concert will take place on Sunday, January 4, 2009, at Immaculate Conception Convent Chapel, 260 South Main Street, Lodi, New Jersey, at 3:00 p.m.

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

Joining the Felician Sisters' Choir, under the direction of Sister Marilyn Marie Minter, accompanied by Sister Mary Virginia Tomasiak on the organ, will be several guest artists: violinist Nicole DiMaria; pianist Maryann DiMaria; trumpeter David DiRienzo; accordionist Sal Torino; sacred dancer Linda Telesco and her troupe "Spirit Dance."

There is no admission charge for this concert, but good will offerings will be accepted and proceeds will be given to the poor.

For additional information call 973-473-7447. ###



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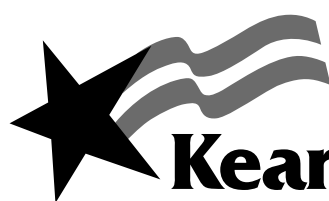
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Night-time Parade Kicks Off Local Holiday Season

The spirit of kids from 1 to 92 were bright as the traditional Holiday Parade traveled along The Boulevard on Friday evening, November 28, 2008.

Floats, bands, community groups, antique cars, fire trucks, plus Santa, met at Williams Avenue at 7:00 p.m. and then marched along The Boulevard to Henry Street.

VFW Post 4591, The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department and Hasbrouck Heights Police Department Honor Guards led the Parade, followed by the BC Firefighters Pipe Band.

Marching were local officials, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, KofC #7041, antique cars, Has-

brouck Heights High School cheerleaders and Marching Band, and various sports teams on small floats (provided by **Lenox Towing**). HUMC provided two floats.

The excitement continued with the Park Ridge High School Marching Band who led Santa's personal float (sponsored by **Otterstedt Insurance Agency**) down The Boulevard.

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department members marched with Sparky -- followed by a display of their holiday-decorated trucks. Joining in the Parade were several Mutual Aid Fire Departments

to include Carlstadt, Lodi, Moonachie and Wood-Ridge.

This annual event has been sponsored by the Hasbrouck Heights Chamber of Commerce for over 50 years.

Immediately after the parade, Santa met with children at The Senior Center (320 Boulevard), for photos and treats sponsored by **Kathy Dunn Cultural Center** and **Heights Flower Shoppe**.

The Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle was also held after the Parade. See story on page 8.

Special Thanks to the Moonachie EMS/Rescue Squad for their assistance. ###



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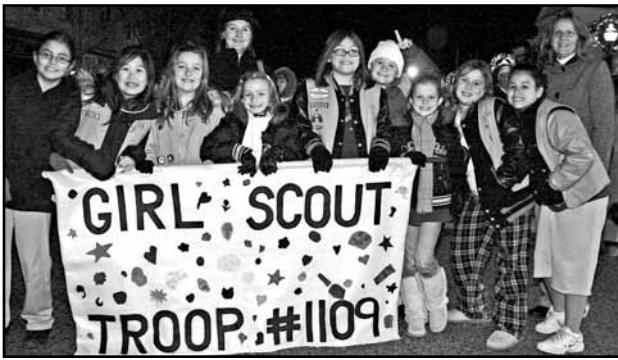
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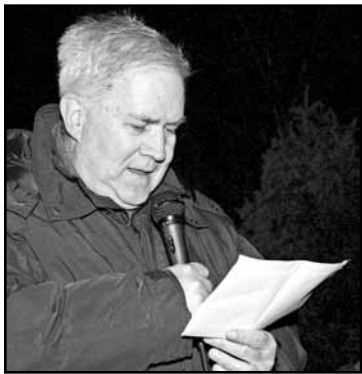
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Illuminating The Season



The **Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle was held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 28, 2008. The Benediction was given by Fr. Ray Holmes of Corpus Christi Church. Mayor Rose Marie Heck and the Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and led the festive gathering in the tree lighting countdown. The Hasbrouck High School Choir sang a few seasonal songs. Hot chocolate and cookies were served. Pat Link was the program coordinator. Event was sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###



The **Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 28th, 2008, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. and included a "Toys for Tots" drive. Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Council led in the tree lighting countdown. Middle and High School Choral students and Christmas Carols. The "*Special Guest*" was a huge hit with the children as he sat in the Gazebo and listened to their secret wishes. Refreshments were served. ###



Lodi began their Tree Lighting, 7:30 p.m., on December 5, with a short parade by the Lodi High School Marching Band and the Fire Department bringing Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Municipal Complex.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Lodi Public Library Director Anthony Taormina. There was a Benediction followed by the Officials' best wishes for the Holidays. The Chamber of Commerce presented house decorating awards and the Lodi High School Choir sang several songs. DJ Express provided music before and after the chorales.

Santa and Mrs. Claus pulled the switch and lit the tree, then went to the Municipal Building lobby for "pictures with Santa." Gifts were presented. This event started in 1982 when the DPW put up a huge tree in The Library. ###



Moonachie held the Annual Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 6th, 2008, at 7 p.m., in front of Borough Hall. R. L. Craig students sang Christmas Carols. Everyone attending received a free tree ornament provided by the Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee. Refreshments were served at the Firehouse following the ceremony. Santa spoke to all of the children and presented them with a gift.

It was noted that the first Tree Lighting was held in 1986 when Councilwoman Vivian Drozd planted this tree when it was four feet tall. ###





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The Hasbrouck Heights Junior Women's Club sponsored Pizza with Santa on Friday, December 12, 2008, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Senior Center.

Jim the Magician delighted 86 children and 110 adults just prior to Santa's arrival. Every child had a moment with Santa, which included an instant photo memory, and a goody bag.

The HHJWC would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors for mak-

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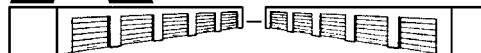
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The original Teddy Bear was inspired by a 1902 cartoon showing President Teddy Roosevelt refusing to shoot a bear cub while hunting in Mississippi. ###

Fire Departments Give "Mr. C" a Lift



On Saturday afternoon, December 20, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Santa was at Fire Headquarters to listen to children's requests. The **Wood-Ridge Fire Department** then took Santa for a ride around town.



The **Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department** escorted Santa around Hasbrouck Heights on Sunday, December 21, 2008, starting at Collins Avenue at 4 p.m.



Lodi Fire Department took Santa for a ride around Lodi on a snowy Sunday morning, December 21, 2008, starting at 9 a.m.



Moonachie Fire Department took Santa for a ride around Moonachie on Sunday evening, December 21, 2008, starting at 4 p.m.



Santa Lands at AHOF

Santa arrived by helicopter at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at the Aviation Hall of Fame at Teterboro Airport.

Before landing, Santa flew around the Aviation Hall of Fame, waving to his loyal fans. Upon landing safely, Santa and his elf rode in a Teterboro Airport Port Authority Police "Snuzzle" ARFF Rescue and Fire Fighting Truck to the Museum's parking lot where he was greeted by many well wishers.

Santa entered the Museum and went upstairs, where parents could take photos of their children with Santa in front of the airplane, "Little Cut Up." Upon hearing the children's requests, Santa had candy and gifts for them.

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

The AHOF thanks pilot, Jim Miller of M.T.I. Travel, Inc., for the use of his helicopter, Andy Gamble as "Mr. C" and Mary Sullivan as The Elf for making this successful event possible.

The visit of Santa Claus is presented annually by the New Jersey Aviation Hall of Fame & Museum. Guided tours are available to school and community organizations. For more information, call 201-288-6344. ###



(l-r) Dr. Burnett Eglow, Peter Deppert, Gerry Dinallo, Tony Niosi, Vincent Monahan, Bill Kammerer, Aldo Carcich, Jim Dressel, Bob Mooradian, W. Peter Kepsel, Harold Jacobus, Peter Gallo Jr., Al Masch, Don Callahan, George Spagnola, Burt Heeren, Ron Monteleone, Harry Maisch, Carl Therkildsen, Tony Travisano. Top row (l-r) Jim Ferris, Jerry Hackel, Archie Mason.

First Monday Club Holds Annual Christmas Party

The First Monday Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 1, 2008, at A Fresh Affair in Hasbrouck Heights. This strictly social club, with

no political or religious affiliations, was chartered in 1973 by a group of retired men from Hasbrouck Heights and Wood-Ridge.

The main objective was to gather together and enjoy lunch while reminiscing about the past accomplishments in sports and happenings occurring in the towns.

The Club meets 10 Mondays during the year and features a Christmas Party, picnic

at Woodland Park and celebrates St. Patrick's Day with corned beef and cabbage.

The Club makes a donation to the Hackensack University Medical Center Tomorrows Children's Fund in the name of deceased members.

New members are always

welcome at the noontime luncheon on Mondays at A Fresh Affair. *Story by Archie Mason* ###

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Society Reflects on Dutch Legend

In the 17th century, the Dutch settlers in New York brought with them the inspiration of the American version of the Santa Claus figure by reinventing their Sinter Klaas traditions. Sinter Klaas was viewed as the Dutch old man who brought presents, candy and sweets to the kids in a December 5th parade. The name Santa Claus supposedly is derived from the older Dutch "Sinter Klaas."

This information along with how Sinter Klaas, Bishop Nicholas, Saint Nicholas and Santa Claus had their historical beginnings and legends, were part of a program sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Historical Society on December 7, 2008.

Mr. Kevin Wright, a Past President of both the Hudson and Bergen County Historical Societies spoke at length on how the present image of Santa Claus developed. He reviewed the contributions to the legend made by the Brothers Grimm fairy tales, Washington Irving's writings and Clement Clarke Moore's poem, "A Visit from Saint Nicholas." He also discussed how the Santa Claus image was further enhanced by illustrator Thomas Nast.

The program, which was held at the 128 year old historic Arnault/Bianchi House in Wood-Ridge, was well received by the more than 60 people in the audience. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###



Top row: Diana Torres, Sarah Palma, Taylor Barth, Kristen Delcalzo, Jillian DiGiacinto, Grace DeQuinzio, Jenna DiGiacinto. Center Row: Maggie Filja, Emily Menendez, Casey Sardo, Jane Park, Ashley Sukhram. Bottom Row: Zairah Ahmed, Carolyn LiVecchi, Alyson Harden, Tatiana Balugas, Tiffany Rodriguez, Angelica Leventhal. Montage by T. Sardo

U-13 Aviator Girls: A Look Back on an Undefeated Season

The Hasbrouck Heights U-13 Aviator Girls soccer team entered the fall Northern Counties Soccer Association season with high expectations. After completing the spring season at 5-3-2, the girls were looking to continue their development.

The foundation of the team has always been a strong defense, with Casey Sardo as goalkeeper; Jenna DiGiacinto as sweeper; Diana Torres as stopper. The two wing defender positions were ably shared by Jane Park, and two new players: Tatiana Balugas and Tiffany Rodriguez.

The mid-field was centered by Kristen Delcalzo, with Ashley Sukhram, Carolyn LiVecchi, Alyson Harden, Jillian DiGiacinto, newcomer Sarah Palma and Emily Menendez all sharing time at this physically draining position.

Returning strikers were Maggie Filja, Grace DeQuinzio, Angelica Leventhal, and Zairah Ahmed. Taylor Barth was a significant addition to the offense.

The season opened on September 7, with a road game against a highly rated Ridgewood Maroons team. The tightly fought defensive battle ended in a 1-1 tie. Maggie Filja scored on a penalty kick for the Aviators. The second game, also on the road, was against a young group from the Ridgefield Royal Strikers. Angelica Leventhal and Taylor Barth each tallied two goals, with Maggie Filja scoring again in the 5-0 shutout. The girls played their home opener against the Vikings of Demarest and came away with a 3-1 victory. The fourth week of the schedule took the girls to Monroe-Woodbury. Barth and Filja each scored a pair,

with Dianna Torres' first goal for the club a highlight of the 5-1 triumph.

With two weeks off, and their four toughest games to follow, Coach Hofheinz decided to enter the team in the Pequannock Columbus weekend tournament. The girls had the opportunity to play against some of the more talented teams in their age group. The tournament gave the team attitude. They began to play more physically.

The fifth game of the season was in Ironbound, who entered the game at 5-0, having yielded only 2 goals to that point. Dianna Torres was injured, so Grace DeQuinzio stepped up to fill the void at stopper.

The Aviators were trailing 2-1 with 13 minutes left, Taylor Barth received a punt from Casey Sardo on the right side near the midline and dribbled through multiple defenders before putting her own rebound past the prone keeper. The very physical match ended in a 2-2 tie, much to the dismay of the Ironbound squad.

After traveling much of the season's first half, four of the remaining five games were at home. A three game home stand began against the Glen Rock Shooting Stars. The Avi-

ators prevailed 2-1. In the next match, against rival Hotspur of Ramsey, the defense notched its second shutout in the 3-0 win. On Nov. 2, the Wayne Pink Panthers, also undefeated marched onto Hitchcock Field. In the season's most emotional match, the girls defeated the Panthers 2-1.

The final two games were against teams lower in the standings. Sardo, DiGiacinto, Torres, Park, Balugas and Rodriguez stepped it up with consecutive shutout wins against Montclair (4-0) and Glen Ridge (2-0).

This was a team in every sense of the word. Every player contributed. The skilled passing and aggressive play of the midfield, set up a number of breakaways for the strikers, who took advantage of many of those opportunities; the defense was stingy, giving up a mere 7 goals in 10 games with 4 shutouts; and the 29 goals scored by the offense scored were the most in the team's history.

Congratulations to the Division Champions, Head Coach Juergen Hofheinz, Team Manager John DiGiacinto and Assistant Coaches Tony Sukhram and Tom Sardo on an outstanding season. *Story and photos by Tom Sardo. ###*



Front row: Maggie Filja, Carolyn LiVecchi, Tiffany Rodriguez, Taylor Barth, Tatiana Balugas, Sarah Palma, Jane Park, Alyson Harden, Jillian DiGiacinto. Back Row: John DiGiacinto, Ashley Sukhram, Zairah Ahmed, Angelica Leventhal, Casey Sardo, Kristen Delcalzo, Jenna DiGiacinto, Grace DeQuinzio, Diana Torres, Juergen Hofheinz. Not pictured: Emily Menendez, Assistant coaches T. Sukhram, T. Sardo. Photo by T. Sardo

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Giving and Giving Thanks

Thanksgiving Story Hour was held at the Children's Library on Tuesday, November 25, 2008. Sponsored by the Junior Women's Club of Hasbrouck Heights, it was attended by over 40 children.

Each child brought a non-perishable food item for the town's food pantry, in the spirit of giving.

Stories were read, a craft was made, and each child wrote what they were thankful for

on a leaf that became part of the Tree of Thanks, which is on display at the Children's Library.

The Junior Women's Club is a volunteer organization that meets on the second Thursday of the month, at 8 p.m., at the First Reformed Church on the corner of Burton Avenue & Washington Place and always welcomes new members. *Photo provided by Jr. Women's Club.* ###



Three Eagles Have Landed in Heights

Jonathan Paige, Jordan Paige and Matthew Reis, all from Hasbrouck Heights, received the highest award achievable by young men in the Boy Scouts, the Eagle Award. Only 1.2 million boys have reached Eagle in over 80 years (roughly 15,000 a year). Only 2 in 100 that join make Eagle.

To earn this award, a Scout must complete a minimum of 21 merit badges, hold positions of leadership in his troop and complete a major community service project.

Jonathan earned 28 merit badges and was Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Quartermaster and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster. Jordan earned 23 merit badges and was Den Chief, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Troop Guide and Quartermaster. Matthew earned 39 merit badges and was OA Representative, Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster (2 terms) and Youth Representative from District 7 of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark.

For his service project, Jonathan had crosses painted approximately two feet away from each of the fire hydrants in Hasbrouck Heights. The project assists the Fire Department in locating fire hydrants during the evening hours or when on occasion the hydrant might be obstructed.

Jordan's project was to paint a large hallway (seven feet high, seven feet wide by two hundred feet long) at the Rockleigh Senior Citizen Center. The purpose was to assist the executive staff of the Senior Center in providing a pleasant, freshly painted area where the residents travel.

Matthew had a town wide blood drive. He arranged for a blood mobile to be located outside the Municipal Building with the Senior Center as the staging area.

For many weeks in advance of the drive, Matthew and his fellow scouts hung flyers, handed out flyers and used other methods of advertising the blood drive. Unfortunately,

the night prior to the drive it snowed and made road conditions the day of the drive hazardous. Despite this, 40 donors were processed.

Jonathan is currently attending Penn State University majoring in Accounting. Jordan is attending Pace University majoring in Business Administration. Matthew is a senior at Bergen County Technical High School majoring in Digital Media.

On Saturday, November 29, 2008, many local, city and state groups presented the three Eagle Scouts with certificates, proclamations and/or gifts. A special blessing, written to each of the Scouts, was presented by Rev. Jurek Zaslona on behalf of Pope Benedict XVI.

The new Eagle Scouts also received letters of congratulations from President George W. Bush, President-Elect Barack Obama, Astronaut John Glenn, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

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'Tis the Season to Reuse and Recycle

Ms. Tenhoeve, art teacher at Moonachie's Robert L. Craig School, has been working with the art enrichment students to create decorations made completely of recycled materials for the school's holiday show. "In these tough economic times,

people can create something from nothing and be socially and environmentally responsible," Ms. Tenhoeve said. The students have created several small trees and a wreath of recycled green bags used for delivering newspapers in bad weather, with colored bottle caps for decoration. Current projects include a full-size newspaper-bag tree and snowmen with faces made of bottle caps. ###

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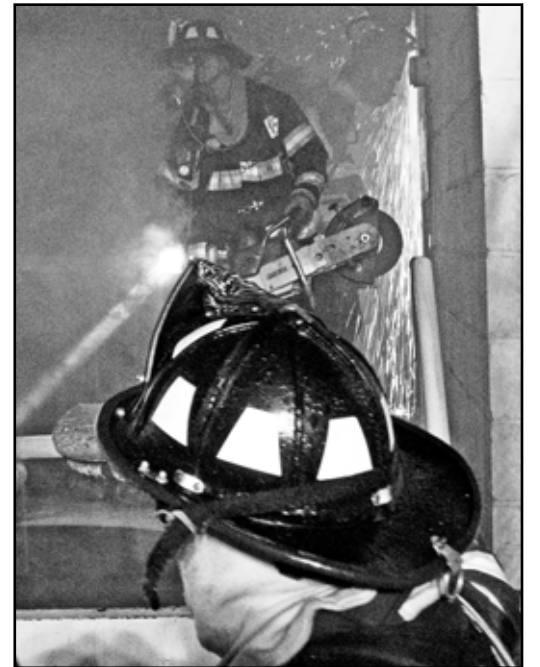
TEB and Area Communities Collaborate in Clean-up of Riser Ditch at Industrial Avenue for Earth Day 2008 -- June 2008



Phil Miuccio was the MC at both the Moonachie and Wood-Ridge Fire Departments' Installation Dinners -- February 2008



WRFD Department Inspection -- November 2008



Working under air, teams of firefighters used saws to cut through several secured steel doors during a working fire at Party Rental in Teterboro -- February 2008



Moonachie First Aid & Rescue Squad leads PA TEB in a major incident drill -- January 2008

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HHFD Drills with PA Police at Teterboro Airport -- August 2008





The "Giving Tree" in the Corpus Christi Chapel lobby with gifts for needy families.

CC School Celebrates Service & Catholic Schools Week

With a sigh of relief after the busy Christmas season, Corpus Christi School families look forward to the return to classes on Monday, January 5th.

All school parents are encouraged to attend the first Home School Meeting of the year on Wednesday, the 14th. Students will have Monday, the 19th, off for Martin Luther King Day. The second Progress Report of the year will be released on Friday, the 23rd.

One the busiest weeks of the year for Corpus Christi School is Catholic Schools Week, which runs this year from January 25th – 31st. The theme for 2009 is "Catholic Schools Celebrate Service," a belief that Corpus Christi students embrace year round and incorporate into their daily lives, not only at school but also in their home life. From the school-wide MS walk to helping to fill local food pantries, Corpus Christi students, teachers and parents generously do-

nate many hours to causes and organizations that help to fulfill the needs of others. Catholic Schools Week is a national celebration that demonstrates the importance that Catholic elementary and secondary schools play in local communities by offering a quality education that combines intellectual, spiritual, moral, physical and social values. Throughout this special week, Catholic Schools across the country take this opportunity to honor the members of their school community...from administration to teachers, parents, clergy, and, of course, students.

The celebration of Catholic Schools Week at Corpus Christi School starts Sunday, January 25th with a special Mass at 10:30. Open House and private tours are available for all new families from 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Registration will also take place that same day for new students for the 2009/2010 school year. Many classes fill up during this first registration,

so families are encouraged to sign up at this time in order to guarantee a placement for the upcoming school year.

The Grandparents Social will take place on Tuesday, January 27th for PreK3 – Grade 2. The children invite special family members, perform songs and then enjoy cookies and juice with their guests.

On Wednesday the 28th, another Open House and Registration will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. and also from 1 to 2 p.m. In the evening, a Middle School concert will take place.

The closing Liturgy for this special week will be held on Friday, the 30th. The Award Ceremony will also take place. There is a 12:00 dismissal.

For more information about Catholic Schools Week, Open House and class registration requirements, please call 201.288.0614 or go to www.corpuschristischool.net. *Story and photos provided by Sonya Buckman ###*



Lions Donate High-Tech Slate to Corpus Christi School

The Hasbrouck Heights Lions Club made a donation of a wireless slate board to Corpus Christi School in November 2008. From the back of the room or at a student's desk, the touch-sensitive display connects to the computer and digital projector. The operator

can control computer applications directly from the display, write notes in digital ink and save the work to share later.

Photo (l-r) Mrs. Michelle G. Murillo, HH Lions Club President Robert Searle and HH Lions Club Past President Peter Allen. ###

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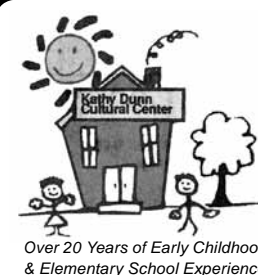


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“Old Morley was as Dead as a Doornail”

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights and The Friends of The Library sponsored the reading of “A Christmas Carol” by Charles Dickens on Saturday, December 13, 2008.

Three actors in Victorian costumes dramatically read this one hour “Dickens Edited” version of the classic tale. ###

Year of The Ox Human Bondage

On Sunday, February 8, 2009, at 1 p.m., The Friends of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will hold a Chinese New Year’s Luncheon at the Asian Grill Restaurant located at 20 Rt. 17 North (*Lowe’s Plaza*), in East Rutherford, NJ. Dining will be family style and a short talk will be given about the Chinese zodiac signs.

The price of \$38 (*payable upon registration*) covers meal, soft drinks, and gratuity and supports The Friends of the Library. Seating is limited. No tickets will be sold at the door. Sign up at The Library Circulation Desk or call 201-288-0488 for details. ###

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is hosting its Book Discussion Group every third Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m.

The book to be discussed on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, is Somerset Maugham’s “Of Human Bondage” (1915), the modern masterpiece about Philip Carey, a young man caught up in a destructive love affair with Mildred, the cold-hearted woman who obsesses him. Copies of this book will be made available to all those participating. All are welcome, whether you have participated in such a group before or not. ###

Learn More About DTV

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights is offering a seminar to those who want to learn about Digital Television, also known as DTV, which is set to begin in all 50 states on Feb. 17, 2009. Radio Shack will be providing the speaker and knowledge to educate the community on this subject. This free seminar will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the conference room of The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights at 320 Boulevard.

Included in these sessions will be information about why the digital television transition is occurring, the benefits digital television offers television viewers, what people need to do in order to continue receiving over-the-air television broadcasts after the conversion occurs, and how to apply for up to two \$40 government coupons per household to help reduce the costs of obtaining a digital converter box. Radio Shack’s education outreach will also include demonstrations on how to successfully set up a digital converter box to an analog television set.

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

Citizenship Classes Start February 16th

Preparatory classes for U.S. Citizenship will start on Monday, February 16, 2009 and finish on Monday, March 23, 2009, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

Registration and Testing will take place on Wednesday, January 28 and February 4, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., 229 Terrace Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights (*corner of Terrace and Jefferson Avenues*).

Students must bring their green card at the time of registration.

For more information about the Citizenship Classes, call the Care on the Corner office at 201-288-9460 x 5. A registration form must be completed for each student. ###

Global Warming Seminar Jan. 13

The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights will sponsor a seminar on Global Warming. Professor Roger Opstbaum will be the guest speaker and will discuss global warming and the runaway greenhouse effect. This free seminar will be held in The Library’s conference room at 320 Boulevard, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

Topics discussed include global warming, greenhouse gases and greenhouse effects.

Anyone (*teens and adults*) interested in better understanding this all important subject is welcome to come and learn more.

Professor Opstbaum is a physics professor at Bergen Community College and PhD. He worked at the Goddard Institute for Space Studies where he contributed to the building of climate models.

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

Go Green In Style

The Clutter Club is back in full swing for 2009. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights.

Professional organizers, Susan Corbo and Bernadette Flaim of the firm “Attention 2 Detail,” will provide valuable information to help you to be better organized and be “green” at the same time.

This free seminar is for anyone interested in learning about creative ways to be more eco-conscious with style!

The speakers will discuss facts and share their knowledge of what can be done in all areas of the home to help you and your family protect the environment. You may also save some money in the bargain.

This very important free seminar is open to all. Please call The Library at 201 288-0488 for more details and to sign up or go online to our calendar at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org>. ###

HH Library Plans Pre-School Programs

Wintry winds may be blowing, but cozy storytimes are on the agenda for infants to preschoolers at The Free Public Library of Hasbrouck Heights, 320 Boulevard, Hasbrouck Heights.

The Tiny Tots Play Group, for children from infancy to 2 ½ years, is scheduled for Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., beginning January 27 or 29, 2009. Moms or caregivers attend with their children. The Library supplies snacks and toys. Registration for this program begins Tuesday, January 20.

The Mom and Me Storytime, for children, from 2 ½ years to 3 ½ years, will take place on Wednesdays or Fridays, from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., beginning January 28 or 30. Moms or caregivers remain with their child, and take part in the activities which include simple stories, flannel board stories, games, and an easy craft. Registration begins on Wednesday, January 21.

The Building Blocks Storytime, for children from 3 ½ to 5 years old, is planned for Mondays or Thursdays, from 1:15 to 2 p.m., beginning January 26 or 29. Moms or caregivers do not attend, but must remain in the building during the storytime. Stories, games, songs, and simple crafts are part of the fun. Registration begins on Thursday, January 22.

You are welcome to register for the above programs in person, by phone, or online at <http://hasbrouckheights.bccls.org>. The Children’s Department can be reached at (201) 288-8911. ###

Communicate With Your Hands

On Monday nights, starting February 23, 2009, Care on the Corner will be offering Communicating With Your Hands (*a sign language course*).

The classes will be held in the sanctuary of St. John’s Episcopal Church, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

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Mid-Bergen Rotary Beefsteak a Big Success

The Mid-Bergen Rotary Club held their 33rd Annual Beefsteak Dinner/Charity Auction on Friday, November 21, 2008, at The Excelsior, Route 46 East, Saddle Brook.

Fun was had by all with dancing and music, plus the raffling of prizes, including televisions, DVD players, household items, gift baskets, gift certificates, etc.

Rotary Club President Holly Schult thanked everyone who attended, volunteered or generously donated prizes or cash.

Club member Yvonne Hasset provided the musical entertainment for the evening.

High School students from both Interact Clubs of Bergen County Technical School in Teterboro and Wood-Ridge High School helped set up and were prize runners throughout the evening (*Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people ages 14-18*).

Over recent years, Mid-

Bergen Rotary has donated and supported organizations both within the community and worldwide: The Faith Foundation, Emmanuel Cancer Fund, Aviation Hall of Fame, Habitat for Humanity and the Wheel Chair Foundation.

The Club's main endeavors are the Gift of Life and the Dictionary Project.

The Gift of Life provides life saving cardiac surgeries to children from around the world. The Dictionary Project ensures that every Third Grade school child in Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-Ridge, Teterboro and South Hackensack, receives a dictionary.

Mid-Bergen Rotary Club was originally chartered as the Teterboro Rotary Club on February 8, 1962.

As the 1960's progressed, the Club grew with members from the surrounding towns

of Hasbrouck Heights, Wood-Ridge and South Hackensack thereby prompting its name change to Mid-Bergen.

The Club meets every Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. at the **Holiday Inn**, Hasbrouck Heights. For more information visit the Club's website at www.Mid-BergenRotary.org ###



Fitness Tips

By Joann Glussich

Take The Pressure Off Getting Fit

With all the holidays behind us, If you don't mind, I'd like to be totally candid with you today.

Sure, I could write you a "feel good" article about cutting back a few calories and exercising a few minutes each day, but I'd rather be perfectly frank (*and truly helpful*).

Here's the real deal:

You're overweight because you eat too much, and you eat too much because it brings immediate pleasure. I am here to point out that this pleasure comes at high price...

Comfort food is more than just a hearty dish.

- It's those extra calories that you eat to feed an emotional need rather than a nutritional need like high calorie snacks and sugary treats.

Most of us tend to gravitate toward a particular form of comfort food. For many women it's chocolate or other sugary treats. For men it often takes a saltier form.

Think of the last time you ate for pleasure rather than nourishment. Why'd you do it?

Out of Habit: Your body loves routine. The good news is that once you break the cycle your body will quickly adapt to

a healthier routine.

To Change Your Mood: Pay attention to the emotions that trigger you to overeat—you may be surprised how often you use food to feel better.

Because Everyone's Doing It: Who can resist comfort food when it's offered among friends?

Come on, where have your eating habits gotten you?

- Into clothes that are a few sizes larger.
- Drained and with less energy than ever before.
- Plagued with health concerns and prescriptions.
- Embarrassed and frustrated with your body.

Most people don't realize it, but the battle to overcome your eating habits is decided by a single body part—and it's not your mouth.

It's your brain. Once you've made up your mind, your body will obey your decision to the letter.

So for the New Year, make the decision to give up your unhealthy dependence on comfort food. There is no better time than now. ###

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Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



Great Deals in Real Estate

There are great deals out there, but we need to be careful about where we find them.

Foreclosures can be priced somewhat below market, but they are often houses that have been abused by former owners. Banks also want to get the maximum amount possible as they have many expenses in addition to the amount owed on the mortgage. Moreover, foreclosure sales can take a lot of extra time in gaining approval and this can be very frustrating.

You may hear a lot about short sales, too. These homes also are often not real bargains. A short sale occurs when the homeowner owes more than his house can sell for in today's market. Not long ago, many buyers were borrowing 100%

of value and adding 6% for their closing costs; they were "upside down" from day one. To avoid foreclosure, these sellers are now negotiating to get their lenders to accept less from them. It can be a long, drawn-out process and you may not ever get approval.

The only real way to get a deal in today's market is to work with a good Buyer's Agent. He or she will work hard to find you the best fit and help you buy it for the best price possible. It may be a foreclosure, a short sale or a regular conventional listing, but your trusted Realtor will provide the knowledge & experience needed to help you navigate thru the process and achieve your goal.

Mary Ellen Courtney is owner of Gateway Realtors, 201-288-0004. www.Gateway-ToHomes.com ###



"The Day That Galvanized Us As a Nation"

On December 7, 2008, at 1 p.m., the 67th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor, a Remembrance Service was held at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum.

Several Veterans' groups, Army Air Forces Historical Association, Sea Cadets and civilians were there to honor the memory of the 2,400 Americans lost, five of eight battleships that were sunk or sinking with the rest damaged, several other ships and Hawaii based combat planes that were knocked out by the Japanese "sneak attack."

The memorial program began with Basil Kio, State Commander SubVets WWII, calling the program to order.

There was the Presentation of The Colors by several groups followed by the Pledge of Al-

legiance by all.

The National Anthem was sung by Wayne Behr, Gudeon Chapter Secretary with an Invocation by John Holman, VP SubVets WWII.

The guest speaker was Michael Melfi, Mayor of Hackensack. There was a presentation of NGSFRC donations by Carl Hansen, Treasurer USSVI North (benefit NJ National Guard families in Teaneck Armory.)

Kevin Clancy, Bergen County Veterans Administrator, also spoke.

It was a solemn moment when Leslie Altschuler, President USSVI North, read the names of the "WWII Boats on Eternal Patrol," with Basil Kio "tolling the bell."

WWII SubVets and CAP Cadets stationed a Wreath be-

neath the flagpole.

There was a rifle salute by Tin Can Sailors and Marine Corps League. As the salutes were fired, thousands of birds stirred and flew above the USS Ling, as if the souls of those lost took flight.

Sgt. Edward Rumpelstin, USMCR played taps.

Chester Skrocki, Chaplain WWII SubVets, gave the Benediction. BCFPB Doug Parody, Pipe Instructor, Bergen County Fire Department played "Amazing Grace" as he walked off into the distance.

The Colors were retired. "God Bless America" was led by Wayne Behr and joined by all. Light refreshments were served in the Museum.

This annual event at the USS Ling began in 1972. ###



Government Program Offers First-Time Homebuyers \$7,500 Tax Credit

The Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (H.R. 3221) offers first-time homebuyers a tax credit equal to 10% of the cost of their home up to \$7,500. This tax credit is available to first-time homebuyers who purchase a home in the United States as their principal residence on or after April 9, 2008, and before July 1, 2009.

If you are considering buying a home, now is the time to take action - prices have dropped, mortgage rates are low and inventory is large. And your opportunity to take advantage of the federal tax credit program is only available until July 1, 2009.

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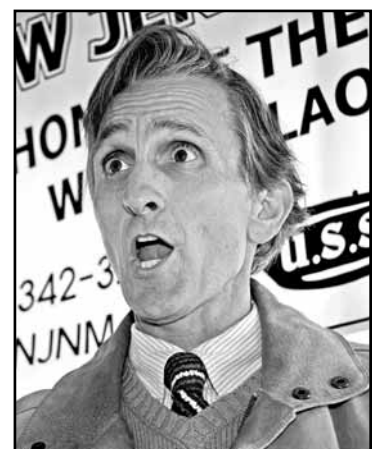
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Flu Season Information

Good Health Habits

Good health habits are an important way to help prevent the flu.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.

- If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.

- Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.

How Flu Spreads

Flu viruses spread in respiratory droplets caused by coughing and sneezing.

They usually spread from person to person, though sometimes people become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms de-

velop and up to five days after becoming sick.

That means that you can pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

Influenza Viruses

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious disease that is caused by the influenza virus.

It attacks the respiratory tract in humans (*nose, throat, and lungs*). The flu is different from a cold.

Influenza usually comes on suddenly and may include these symptoms: fever, headache, tiredness (*can be extreme*), dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches.

These symptoms are usually referred to as "flu-like symptoms."

Anyone can get the flu (*even healthy people*), and serious problems from influenza can happen at any age.

People age 65 years and older, people of any age with chronic medical conditions, and very young children are more likely to get complications from influenza.

Pneumonia, bronchitis, and sinus and ear infections are three examples of complications from flu.

The flu can make chronic health problems worse. For example, people with asthma

may experience asthma attacks while they have the flu, and people with chronic congestive heart failure may have worsening of this condition triggered by the flu.

The Flu Season

In the northern hemisphere, winter is the time for flu. In the United States, the flu season can range from November through March, and even past March in some years.

During the past 21 flu seasons, months with the heaviest flu activity (*peak months*) occurred in December in four years, January in five years, February in nine years, and March in three years.

What You Should Do If You Get the Flu

Rest, drink plenty of liquids, avoid using alcohol and tobacco and take medication to relieve the symptoms of flu.

Influenza is caused by a virus, so antibiotics (*like penicillin*) don't work to cure it.

The best way to prevent the flu is to get an influenza vaccine (*flu shot*) each fall, before flu season.

Never give aspirin to children or teenagers who have flu-like symptoms – and particularly fever – without first speaking to your doctor.

Giving aspirin to children and teenagers who have influenza can cause a rare but serious illness called Reye's Syndrome.

Children or teenagers with the flu should get plenty of rest, drink lots of liquids, and take medicines that contain no aspirin to relieve symptoms.

The Myth of the "Stomach Flu"

Many people use the term "stomach flu" to describe illnesses with nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea.

These symptoms can be caused by many different viruses, bacteria, or even parasites.

While vomiting, diarrhea, and being nauseous or "sick to your stomach" can sometimes be related to the flu – particularly in children – these problems are rarely the main symptoms of influenza.

The flu is a respiratory disease and not a stomach or

intestinal disease.

Questions & Answers

Can herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies protect against the flu? There is no scientific evidence that any herbal, homeopathic or other folk remedies have any benefit against influenza.

How long can human influenza viruses remain viable on inanimate items (*such as books and doorknobs*)? Studies have shown that human influenza viruses generally can survive on surfaces between two and eight hours.

What kills influenza virus? Influenza virus is destroyed by heat (*167-212°F [75-100°C]*). In addition, several chemical germicides, including chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, detergents (*soap*), iodophors (*iodine-based antiseptics*), and alcohols are effective against influenza viruses if used in proper concentration for sufficient length of time.

For example, wipes or gels with alcohol in them can be used to clean hands. The gels should be rubbed until they are dry. ###



Leisure Club Installs Officers

More than 100 members of the Leisure Club attended their Annual Holiday Party at the Landmark Catering in East Rutherford on December 10, 2008. They were entertained by the Andy Ray Band which provided excellent music for dancing.

Prior to the meals being served, the officers elected in November were installed. Past President Michael Cahill installed the following officers: President John Fitzin, Vice President Peter Gallo Jr., Secretary Ann Fuhro and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin.

The five course meal consisted of beef barley soup, ziti primavera, and salad: the entrée was a choice between salmon and prime ribs and the dessert was an ice cream sundae. Of course, there was red and white wine, as well as soda, coffee and tea.

President John thanked all for their help throughout the past year. A special thanks was extended to Alice Shenloogian for all the work she did to present a Holiday Party at a reasonable cost. *Story & photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

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January 2009 Heights Senior Calendar

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SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 5, 12, 26

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

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, 27

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

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

6:00 p.m. Games, cards & coffee

Wednesday, January 7, 21, 28

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

Wednesday, January 21, 28

10:00 a.m. wii Bowling League

Thursday, January 8, 15, 22, 29

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

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

Friday, January 9, 16, 23, 30

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

Friday, January 9, 23

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

1:00 p.m. Movies

Check Center Bulletin Board for listings

NOTE: The Center will be closed Friday,

January 2 and Monday, January 19

CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

1 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting

Entertainment: Mike Gintella Show

Wednesday, February 11

1 p.m. Leisure Club Meeting

Entertainment: Francine Zelnik's Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Luncheon/Show

April 15, 2009

Comedy show: "Over the River and Through the Woods." Cost \$70 each, includes dinner, show & transportation. Details at January meeting.

The Leisure Club annual membership dues of \$12 are due and should be paid by check.

Leisure Club Members Witness A Murder

Forty members of the Leisure Club were invited to a surprise party to celebrate the triumphs of the esteemed archeologist Dr. Richard Denile. This all took place at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse in Carlstadt on December 4, 2008.

The party was a "Without a Clue Production, Inc." presentation of its murder mystery dinner performance of "Mummy Dearest!" There was Dr. Richard Denile; his obnoxious, drunken wife, Imma; his faithful assistant, Abu Rama Asi Bob, and his arch rival, Dr. Miles Sphinx. Without revealing the plot, or its climax, you can be sure that one of them will be murdered and the remaining three would be suspects.

The cast of four performers provided the highest quality in murder mystery entertainment. They were masters of improvisation and interaction with the Leisure Club members.



The performance included plenty of fun. The cast established an excellent rapport with the audience. Three members of the audience had small but funny roles. One of our members played the part of Mr. Goose. He hammed up his character so spontaneously that many in the audience selected

him as the murderer.

All had a great time. They thanked Chairman Charles Gale for making all the arrangements. The show was held in a private room solely for the Leisure Club. There was a buffet lunch which included chicken, beef and fish. The desserts were cheesecake and chocolate layer cake. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

AARP Chapter Holds Holiday Affair



Central Bergen Chapter 418 AARP, held its annual end of the year holiday get together at the M & M Building in Hackensack, December 12, 2008. The affair was catered by Paul's Market.

The food served was salad, baked ziti, sliced steak, Chicken Francese, sausage and peppers, and Eggplant Rollatini. The cookies were donated and made by Mel and Elle Thompson (*Mel is a retired baker*). The music was performed by Dick Scott at his keyboard. Robert Frank, senior specialist and a representative from AARP, donated many gifts that were

raffled off.

Bertha Spada and Dolores Jones were the chairladies for the affair. Marion and David Davidowicz obtained the entertainment; Adrienne Williams purchased the table centerpieces; Ed Wagner was in charge of door prizes; and Dora Alonzo handled the 50/50 raffle.

President Marie Gallo announced that at the January 9th meeting a representative from Beltone Hearing Center will speak on hearing problems and hearing aids. At the February 13th meeting the Chapter will present the program "The Gibson Girl Friday Meets the Victorian Lady." The program will be presented at the Cultural Arts Center located at 39

Broadway (across from the M & M Building). The public is invited to this admission-free event. This program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Barbara Meyer Darlin will present a program which compares the lives and fashions of a turn-of-the-twentieth-century society lady and a working class "typewriter," as those who first operated the typing machines were called. Imagine working 10-12 hours a day in tight shoes, three petticoats and a whalebone corset! She will also talk about the obstacles women encountered entering the male-dominated world of office work and employment practices before and after marriage.

The Central Chapter 418 AARP meets the second Friday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the M & M Building, 116 Holt Street, Hackensack. Coffee and dessert are served at noon. The chapter members are all AARP members who reside in Hackensack, South Hackensack, Hasbrouck Heights, Maywood, Rochelle Park, Little Ferry, etc. Dues are \$12 a year. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



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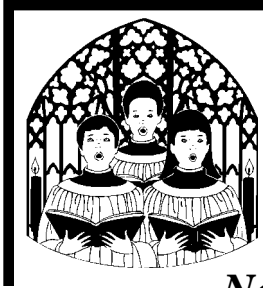
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Reflections

New Beginnings

Erik Soldwedel, Deacon
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January is upon us and winter is in full season. We have just celebrated in the Christian Church the birth of our Messiah Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew Festival of Lights, Hanukah, has concluded and Kwanzaa is concluding. What next? What will we celebrate? What will we do?

So much is happening this month. The transition of power is taking place in towns and counties and in our nation. January 20th will mark the Inauguration of the 44th President.

Our nation is war weary and financially troubled and is looking to the future for change and stability. I have witnessed several Presidential Inaugurations and was present for one in January 1981. The Washington Mall was full of people looking towards the Western Front of our Capitol Building as Ronald Reagan took the Presidential Oath of Office.

The sun began to shine brightly, warming us all on a balmy January day. The word that the U.S. Embassy Hostages held in Tehran, Iran were set free warmed the crowd and excitement filled the air. To be part of that day on the Mall was something I will never forget.

I am eager to watch Barack Obama take the Oath of Office on January 20th, to listen to his speech, and watch the festivities from my home. Change is coming and it promises to be as dramatic as was the change in 1981.

The wonderful piece of this change is it will be peaceful and respectful and it will follow the same tradition set over 200 years ago when George Washington vacated the President's Office and John Adams was sworn in as our second President.

We are a proud nation of diverse people and cultures. We have set an example of peaceful power transitions for two centuries causing many nations to follow suit.

Two thousand plus years ago, in the tiny town of Bethlehem, many came to a manger that was illumined brightly by a Star marking the place where a Messiah was born.

Magi from the East came to pay homage to the infant as foretold in the Book of Isaiah.

Could you imagine three Kings coming to Hasbrouck Heights to bring precious gifts

and to offer praise for the birth of a Savior.

The Magi brought the following:

Caspar, bringing the Herb, Myrrh – This herb is the resin from the tiny shrub used in preserving a body and protecting the skin. This ancient reviving crème may be competition for today's cosmetic companies.

Balthazar, bearing the gift of Frankincense – why incense? Perhaps to protect the environment that the Christ Child was living in?

Melchior brought the gift of gold. This was the priceless and unchanging gift of a precious mineral used for currency and trading.

We may consider the first two gifts as senseless and even perhaps thoughtless. Some may say they were the last minute shopping gifts in order not to show up empty handed?

The third gift is always welcome; there is no need for a gift receipt with gold. However, all the gifts were priceless and were meant for the Infant King.

The birth of the Jesus was greater than anyone could have expected. Perhaps not just anybody – Caspar, Balthazar and Melchior believed in the prophecy of the coming of a new King.

I recall a conversation with a colleague who equated the Star as the first "Multi Media Birth Announcement." I like the analogy she put forth and

suggest that we consider using the Star today. The Star is our guide into the world. Let us bring this light of Christ to all whom we meet. Let the Star proclaim the good news and the heralding of teachings of Christ Jesus, peace on earth and goodwill to all, FAITH, HOPE and LOVE.

That Star means as much today as it did in Bethlehem a little over two millennia ago.

The light of Christ shines deep within us all and now we get to share it with the world in these short and dark days of winter.

Our days are darker with the war in Iraq and Afghanistan. The growing population of people in our state and nation who are homeless and go without food is frightening.

Our action to respond to these crises can be less burdensome if we follow the Star and all it means.

The Magi delivered the first gifts in recognition of the magical birth. The King and his courtesans conspired and let their fear take over. The shepherds who were the marginalized and the cast outs were the first to see the Star.

They allowed themselves to witness and embrace the Star and put aside their fears and prejudices in order to embrace a change and to let that change take hold in their lives.

I suggest that you find the Star in your life and embrace it. Share the light of HOPE with your neighbors and all whom you meet.

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Reconciliation (Confession): Sat. 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

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The Hasbrouck Heights Clergy gathered together during the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at the First Reformed Church at Burton & Washington Place in HH. (Left to right) Rev. Edward J. Glasser, Pastor Iraidia Ruiz de Porras, Rev. Carole J. Suraci, The Rev. Erik Soldwedel, Deacon, Rev. Dr. Michael Avila, Rev Lewis V. Papera, Pastor, Rev. Dianna L. Smith, Pastor, (Center) The Rev. Dr. Katherine Ellison. Photo by Fran Policzotti ###.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Gathering

By Rev. Carole J. Suraci
Community United Church of Christ

It was a moving service as Rev. Dr. Michael Avila delivered his rousing and moving sermon reflecting on his own life as a child. One Christmas he received from his aunt the most awesome, wonderful gift, the gift of a red fire engine.

The theme of the sermon was, of course, about giving thanks. Sometimes there are no words. Gratitude is something of the heart. When you receive a gift that is so awesome and something you may have hoped for but hardly believed you would receive, saying "thank you," especially when demanded by your mother, just doesn't measure up to the feelings of gratitude and joy and wonder that you feel in receiving the gift.

In reflection I'd like to add that gratitude is a gift of the Spirit and sometimes we

need to savor the gratitude in our heart. I'm sure his aunt was watching him enjoy his gift, and maybe even saw a twinkle in his eye. Gratitude is something you can hardly contain and a thank you that's demanded seems to take away from the awesome beauty of the moment that's so precious and also very private. I'm sure we all went away with something to reflect on.

Everyone attending was asked to bring a donation of food to help stock the Hasbrouck Heights Food Pantry. It was especially uplifting and inspiring to watch the congregants bring their food donation to the front of the sanctuary while the choir sang. The clergy brought their gifts up prior to the service.

Pastor Iraidia Ruiz de Porras and Rev. Dianna L. Smith shared in praying the Thanksgiving prayer first prayed by Pastor Iraidia in Spanish as she

ministers to two churches, one in Spanish and the other in English, and second, by Rev. Dianna praying in English. Their dual prayer in two languages enhanced the universal spirit of Thanksgiving.

Each of the clergy pictured in the photo above participated in the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. It is a blessing for us to hold this service and it is our hope that all who came to worship were blessed. ###

Free Adult ESL Spring Classes

On Wednesday, January 28 and Wednesday, February 4, students will be registering and tested for the Spring semester of free Adult ESL Classes at Care on the Corner, 229 Terrace Avenue, Hasbrouck Heights.

All new and returning students must be registered to take the classes. New students must take an informal language assessment test. The classes start Wednesday, February 11 and will be held on Wednesday evenings, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The last class will be Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

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

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call the office at 201-288-9460 x5. A registration form must be completed for each student. ###

Assumption Knights Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, December 14, 2008, the St. Anthony Council 11585 Knights of Columbus from Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge held its Annual Breakfast with Santa Claus.

The menu included "all you can eat" pancakes, sausages, orange juice and coffee.

The breakfast was attended by many children and their parents and friends. All proceeds will go to support community youth programs, Catholic charities and Right to Life Programs.

The committee members were Chairman Thomas Gonnella, PGK Russell Petrocelli, PGK Frank Materia, PGK Peter Gallo Jr., PGK Angelo Urato and Stephen Sarracino. Photo and story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###



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Smoking Monitor Brings HHFD

The Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department responded to an alarm at the Connecticut School of Broadcasting, at 377 Route 17 South, on a rainy Sunday afternoon, December 7th, 2008.

It was reported that a short circuit caused a fire in a com-

puter monitor, and that it was quickly extinguished by the CSB employees.

Despite their quick response, there was a heavy smoke condition. To safely vent the affected floor, the HHFD Ladder Truck was forced to pierce the thick plate glass window with the ladder.

The Department checked the building for fire extension while venting the area.

Assisting the HHFD were fire departments from Wood-Ridge, Carlstadt, Lodi, and Moonachie EMS/Rescue Squad. *Photo by Timothy A. Sullivan. ###*



A Taste of Snow

The area got its first measurable snow on the evening of December 16, 2008, when about a fluffy inch or two created a winter wonderland.

The first snow storm of the season began on December 19th, dumping over six inches, and creating hazardous driving conditions. Another wintry-mix storm followed on December 21st. ###

Moonachie EMS Beefsteak Feb. 21

The Moonachie EMS/Rescue Squad announced their 1st Annual Beefsteak will be held February 21, 2009, from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m., at the Moonachie Fire Department Headquarters. Special guest is comedian Goumba Johnny from 103.4, "The New KTU." There will be a DJ, 50/50 and tricky tray.

Proceeds to benefit the refurbishing and outfitting of Rescue 3. Cost is \$35. Call 201-641-9094. ###

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2009 Dog Licenses

The Hasbrouck Heights Board of Health would like to remind all dog owners that their 2008 dog licenses will expire on January 31, 2009 and must be renewed during the month of January to avoid a late fee in addition to the cost of licenses.

A 2009 dog license for an altered dog is \$12 and \$15 for a non-altered dog.

Proof of valid rabies immunization must be submitted with payment. Dogs with immunizations which will expire during 2009 will require a booster prior to obtaining a license. Call 201-288-1636 to advise the Health Department if you no longer have your pet. ###

Little Ferry 2008 dog licenses expire December 31, 2008. Fees are from \$15 to \$20. Rabies inoculation must be valid for the entire year. ###

Lodi 2008 dog licenses expire January 31, 2009. The sale of 2009 will commence in January. Certification form a veterinarian showing the animal has been inoculated for rabies is required and must not expire before October 31, 2009.

Fees are \$8 for spayed/neutered dog or cat and \$11 for unspayed/non-neutered dog or cat. The annual rabies clinic will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009, at Fire Headquarters (corner of Memorial Drive & Union Street) from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fees may be paid in person at the Zoning/Health Department, Room 204, One Memorial Drive, Lodi, NJ 07644, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call 973-859-7465. ###

Moonachie 2008 dog licenses expire January 31, 2009. Fees are \$7 for neutered and \$10 non-neutered. Rabies inoculation must be valid for the entire year. ###

The Wood-Ridge Health Department announced that the fees for pet licenses beginning January 1, 2009 are as follows: neutered \$18 and non-neutered is \$21. Effective February 1, there will be a \$7.50 late fee per pet. Rabies inoculation must be valid for the entire year. ###

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Kiwanis Club Pancake Breakfast

For the last thirty-four years, the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro held its Annual Pancake Breakfast on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 23, 2008. This year they continued the tradition.

It was held in the Corpus Christi Cafeteria where it has taken place for 33 of the 34 years. One year they held it in the high school cafeteria.

Chairpersons for this year's breakfast were Peter Gallo and Vincent Costa. They were assisted by the members of the Kiwanis Club and the High School Key Club. The pancake batter and syrup were purchased from the IHOP in Hasbrouck Heights.

The Kiwanians in charge of the cooking were Nick Gristina and Bill Takacs. The rest of the kitchen crew was President Doc Eglow, Marie Viducich, Vincent Costa and Peter Gallo Jr. The Key Club members helped with placing the place mats, napkins and utensils on

Sophie & Friends

An informal, non-denominational, playgroup for children under 5 with their parent(s) is offered by Care on the Corner at 229 Terrace Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

Three groups are available: Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (*multilingual*.) For more information call the Care Center at 201-288-9460. ###

the tables and the cleaning up afterward. Some friends of Kiwanian members also helped out.

Marie Gallo and June Raymond were in charge of selling and collecting the admission tickets. Carinne Murphy, Barbara Smith, along with Colleen Jarvis, Joanna Gristina and Maria Reiner, took care of the basket raffle and the 50-50 raffle. **Bill O'Shea's Florist** donated the balloons.

The monies raised through this breakfast will be used to fund local projects for the youth of the community. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

St. Joseph School Memorabilia Wanted

Saint Joseph School, East Rutherford, is anxiously preparing for its 130th Anniversary Gala. The Gala will be held on March 27, 2009, at The Fiesta in Wood Ridge. The ticket cost is \$55 and includes dinner, drinks, dancing, entertainment and "sharing."

We are reaching out to graduates and faculty and members of the Saint Joseph School community. We are creating a slide show and display of memorabilia of the school through the years.

If you have anything that would be of interest, or if you are in need of any further information, contact the school at 201-939-3193, sjser@comcast.net or www.stjosepher.com/school. Thank you for your help and we hope you can join in the celebration. ###

Soup & Salad Luncheon Jan. 28

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights invites everyone to attend a "Soup and Salad Luncheon" on Wednesday, January 28, 2009, from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Burton and Hamilton Avenues.

Home-made soup, fresh tossed salad, warm bread, dessert and beverage will be available for a mere \$7.00 per person. Great for teachers and business people who are on the run at lunchtime! Please contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Dorothy at 201-288-6685 for tickets. Reservations are a must! Proceeds will benefit special projects of the organization. ###

Friends of W-R Memorial Library Announce Schedule

The Friends of The Library have announced part of their 2009 schedule of meetings and events: MEETINGS: Mondays (7:30 p.m.), January 12th, February 23rd, March 16th, April 20th, and May 18th. BOOK SALES: Saturdays (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.), February 7th and May 9th. The Friends hold the Book Sales at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center at the corner of Hackensack Street and Highland Avenue, adjacent to The Library. The selection is large and varied; the quality is superb; and the prices are always low at The Friends' Book Sale.

The Friends have not yet set a date for their Annual Desert Party, which is held in the spring. ###

Wood-Ridge Friends Sell Note Cards

The Friends of Wood-Ridge Memorial Library are offering newly designed note cards with an updated picture of The Library. Each pack is only \$5 with five cards and envelopes to a pack. They are available at the Front Desk. ###

St. Joseph's Mothers' Club Tricky Tray

Saint Joseph's Mothers' Club will hold its annual Tricky Tray on January 10, 2009, in St. Joseph School, 20 Hackensack St., East Rutherford. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation \$10.00.

There are many great prizes including wii, gift certificates, great baskets, cameras, and games. Refreshments are included. ###

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Talent Contest Nets Bags of Food

On December 6, 2008, Hasbrouck Heights held its first town wide talent contest to help stock the Food Pantry; and it was a success. More than 30 bags of food were donated, as well as gift cards to Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and the A&P totaling \$325.

The audience of more than 50 people enjoyed the performances of nine acts. The performers under the age of 25 played guitars, sang songs and danced. Alycia Prisco was voted the best for her vocal performance of "Part of Your World." In second place, Robert Reiner played the guitar and sang "Behind Blue Eyes;" and in third place was the dancing trio of Amanda Magno, Daniela Rotella and Olivia Magno who performed to the song "Jingle Bell Rock."

In the over 25 age group, the line dancing of Coby Jasionek, Anita Krieger, Rose Berardo, Darlene Kammerer, Agnes Anderson, Eleanor Popovich and Gladys Gamble placed first for their rendition of "Sexy Old Lady." In second place was vocalist Edith Avella who sang "This Could Be the Start of Something Big," and

"Come Rain or Come Shine." In third place was Conchita Parker who sang "Love Potion #9."

The judges were Councilwoman Sonya Buckman, Connie Doheny, Gaby Reynaldo and Peter Gallo Jr. All contestants were judged on presentation, performance and talent.

Mayor Rose Heck presented trophies to all the winners and thanked all who participated, and all who attended and donated to the food pantry. The talent contest was a joint effort of the Mayor's Senior Advisory Committee and the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee. *Story and photo by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

HH Garden Club Cultivates Members

The HHGC will be meeting on January 15th on the second floor of the Municipal Building located at 320 Boulevard. The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. with refreshments. They have had a very good turnout this past year, with two new members. The meetings are open to the public. They have several speakers lined up for the months ahead. Come and join them and bring a friend. For further information call Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

AC Bus Trips

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

Keep Fire Hydrants Cleared of Snow

Municipal Reorganization Meetings

Hasbrouck Heights: Thursday, January 1, 2009, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Little Ferry: Friday, January 2, 2009, starts at 6:30 p.m. with the re-organization meeting at 7 p.m.

Moonachie: Sunday, January 4, 2009. At 11 a.m., there will be an executive meeting followed by a public meeting at noon.

Wood-Ridge: Thursday, January 1, 2009, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###

Kiwanis Schedules Theater Party April 3

As a fund raiser, the Kiwanis Club has scheduled a night at the Little Firehouse Theater in Oradell. They have purchased a block of tickets for Friday, April 3, 2009, for the 8:00 p.m. performance of "The Melody Lingers On."

The show is the life of Irving Berlin with much emphasis on his music. It will highlight many of the songs he wrote. Some of the songs that will be performed are "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "What'll I Do?," "I Love a Piano," "God Bless America," "Always," "Blue Skies," "Easter Parade," "White Christmas," "Cheek to Cheek," "There's No Business Like Show Business."

In past years, they have had theater parties at the Little Firehouse Theater to see "The King and I" and "The Full Monty." Tickets are \$23 each and can be purchased from any member of the Kiwanis Club or by phoning Joanne at 201-288-6530. ###

HH Friends Hold Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend The Hasbrouck Heights Friends of The Library Annual Membership Meeting at The Free Public Library located at 320 Boulevard, on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 2 p.m.

Election of officers and setting the activities for the calendar year are on the agenda. Light refreshments will be served. For details, call 201-288-0484. ###

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