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## Municipal Reorganization Meetings

**Hasbrouck Heights:** Friday, January 1, 2010, at 11:45 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

**Little Ferry:** Tuesday, January 5, 2010, starts at 6:30 p.m. with the re-organization meeting at 7 p.m.

**Moonachie:** Sunday, January 3, 2010. At 11 a.m., there will be an executive meeting followed by a public meeting at noon.

**Wood-Ridge:** Friday, January 1, 2010, at 3 p.m., in the Council Chambers. ###

## An Afternoon with Peter Lieberman

VFW Post 4591 presents Sunday Afternoon Dancing with Peter Lieberman on January 17, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The event is open to the public. Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes coffee and cake. Admission at the door. Plenty of on-site parking. The Post is located at 513 Veterans Place, Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

For more information about renting the VFW facilities for your gala event, fund raiser or corporate meeting, call Colleen at 201-359-6798 or the Post at 201-288-1112. ###

## Cover Photo --

Story Hour with Santa at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library was held Wednesday, December 2, 2009, from 7 to 8 p.m. Each child had a special time with Santa. Stories, songs and small gifts added to this holiday moment. The annual event was for preschool children up to 3rd Grade. ###

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## The Energy Corner

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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.

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



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## First Monday Club Holds Annual Christmas Party



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The First Monday Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 7, 2009, at St. John The Divine Church 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 the first Monday of the Month Club.

Starting on January 4, 2010, meetings will be held at the Crow's Nest. *Story by Archie Mason. ###*

### Moonachie at the Nets January 27, 2010

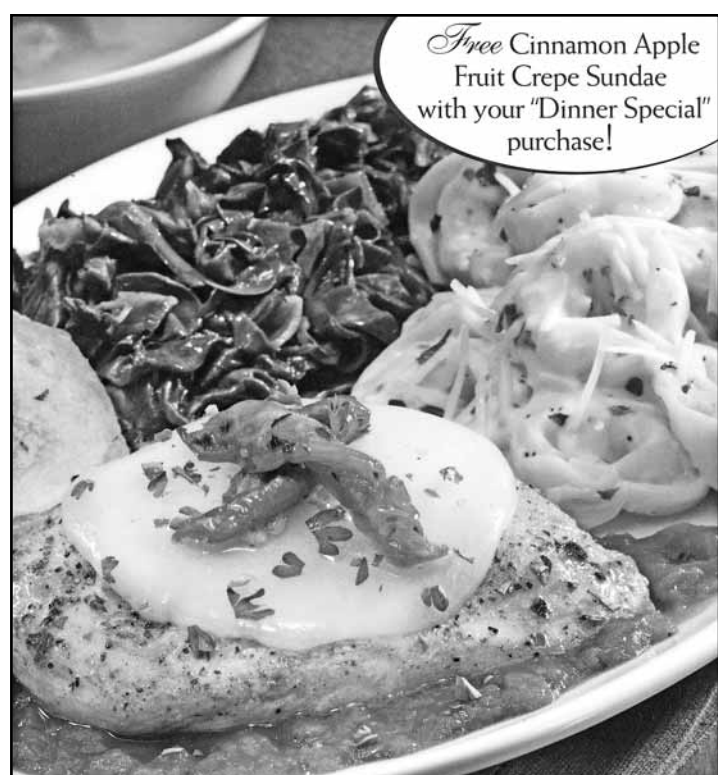
The Moonachie Mayor and Council are proud to provide tickets to the NJ Nets game on January 27th at the IZOD Center. All Moonachie residents are invited to attend, and households can request up to 4 tickets.

You must provide your own transportation, but the tickets are free! The Mayor will be congratulated on the centennial anniversary of the community on the court during the game.

The Nets will be playing the LA Clippers. You may get tickets at Borough Hall or, if you have a child at the Craig School, at the school. More information can be found at Borough Hall, or on the Facebook page "Moonachie Centennial Celebration." ###

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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

### VFW Commander Addresses Kiwanis

Commander Len Hennig from VFW Post 1429 in Teaneck addressed the Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro Kiwanis members on December 3, 2009. Len is the 2008-2009 National Deputy Chief of Staff.

He spoke about the Teaneck Armory Food Pantry. The armory has recently experienced its largest deployment since World War II. The families of those deployed soldiers are now faced with the task of living on a lower income, while their loved ones are serving our country. Many rely on the Teaneck Armory Food Pantry for assistance.

Many organizations have helped by sending food to the pantry but the demands exceed the stock on hand. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*

### Tricky Tray

Saint Joseph's Mothers' Club, will hold its annual Tricky Tray on January 10, 2010, in St. Joseph School 20 Hackensack St., East Rutherford. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation \$10. Great prizes include 2 Bon Jovi tickets for 5/29/10 on the floor, Xbox, TV, gift certificates, great baskets, cameras, and games. Refreshments are included. *###*

### Full Wolf Moon

The January full moon will appear on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at 06:19. 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. *###*

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. Payments 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. *###*

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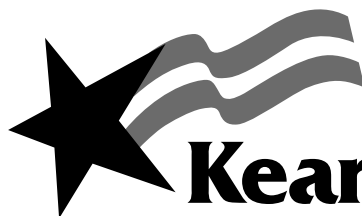


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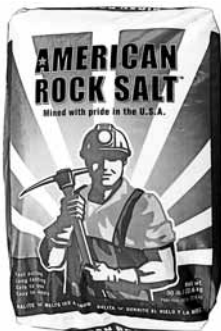
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On Friday evening, November 27, 2009, the spirit of kids from 1 to 92 were bright as the traditional Holiday Parade of floats, bands, community groups, antique cars, fire trucks, plus Santa, traveled along The Boulevard, ending with the official Christmas Tree lighting at The Circle.

Santa then met with children at The Senior Center, for photos and treats sponsored by Kathy Dunn Cultural Center and Heights Flower Shoppe.



## Santa Flies Into Teterboro Airport

Santa arrived by helicopter at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 5, 2009, 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 "Snozzle" 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 Miller Travel, Inc., for the use of his helicopter, Andy Gamble as "Mr. C" and Allison Knowles 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. AHOF is located at 400 Fred Wehran Drive, Teterboro Airport. Guided tours are available to school and community organizations. For more information, call 201-288-6344. ###



## Boulevard Holiday Carnivale

Just prior to the Hasbrouck Heights Holiday Parade on Friday, November, 27, 2009, **Otterstedt Insurance Agency** kicked off the festivities with a free pre-parade carnivale with hot dogs, cotton candy, pretzels, popcorn, balloon sculpting, games, prizes, etc.

Hundreds of revelers had a great time. It was a nice event to start the holiday season. ###

# Fire Departments Give "Mr. C" a Lift



On a cold and snowy Saturday afternoon, December 19, 2009, from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Santa was at Fire Headquarters to listen to children's requests. The **Wood-Ridge Fire Department** then took Santa for a ride around town. The Department started this tradition in 1950.



The **Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department** escorted Santa around Hasbrouck Heights on Sunday, December 20, 2009, starting at Collins Avenue at 4 p.m.



**Moonachie Fire Department** took Santa for a ride around Moonachie on Saturday, December 19, 2009, starting at 1 p.m.



**Lodi Fire Department** took Santa and Mrs. Claus for a ride around Lodi on a snowy Sunday morning, December 20, 2009, starting at 9 a.m. The Department started this tradition over 75 years ago.

# Illuminating The Season



The **Hasbrouck Heights** Annual Tree Lighting at The Circle was held immediately after the Annual Holiday Parade on November 27, 2009. The Benediction was given by Pastor Rev. Susan Nelson-Colaneri. Mayor Rose Marie Heck and the Council wished everyone a Happy Holiday, and led the festive gathering in the tree lighting countdown. The Hasbrouck Heights High School Choir sang seasonal



songs. Hot chocolate and pretzels were served. Pat Link was the program coordinator. Event was sponsored by the Mayor's Celebrations Committee. ###



## Moonachie Centennial Tree Lighting -- "100 Years of Lights"

Although the weather outside was frightful, on December 5, 2009, at 7 p.m., the Tree at Moonachie Borough Hall was lit. This was a special tree lighting for two reasons. It kicked off the Centennial Year, and the tree was lit with LED lights in keeping with the Borough's commitment to environmentally sound practices.

The LED lights use 98% less energy and last many years longer than the traditional incandescent lights.

Everyone attending received a free tree ornament provided by the Moonachie Municipal Alliance Committee. (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.)

Inside the Moonachie Firehouse it was delightful with hot chocolate and cookies following the ceremony. Children who visited Santa were given bears wearing T-shirts proclaiming "100 Years of Pride." ###

## Holiday Open Houses



Bill O'Shea's Florist on November 22, 2009.



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Lodi began their 30th Annual Tree Lighting, 7:30 p.m., on December 4, 2009, 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. The Invocation was given by Rev. Timothy Ippolito, Pastor, Faith Reformed Church in Lodi. Mayor Bruce T. Masopust offered best wishes for the Holidays on behalf of the Borough officials. 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 when the DPW put up a huge tree in The Library. ###

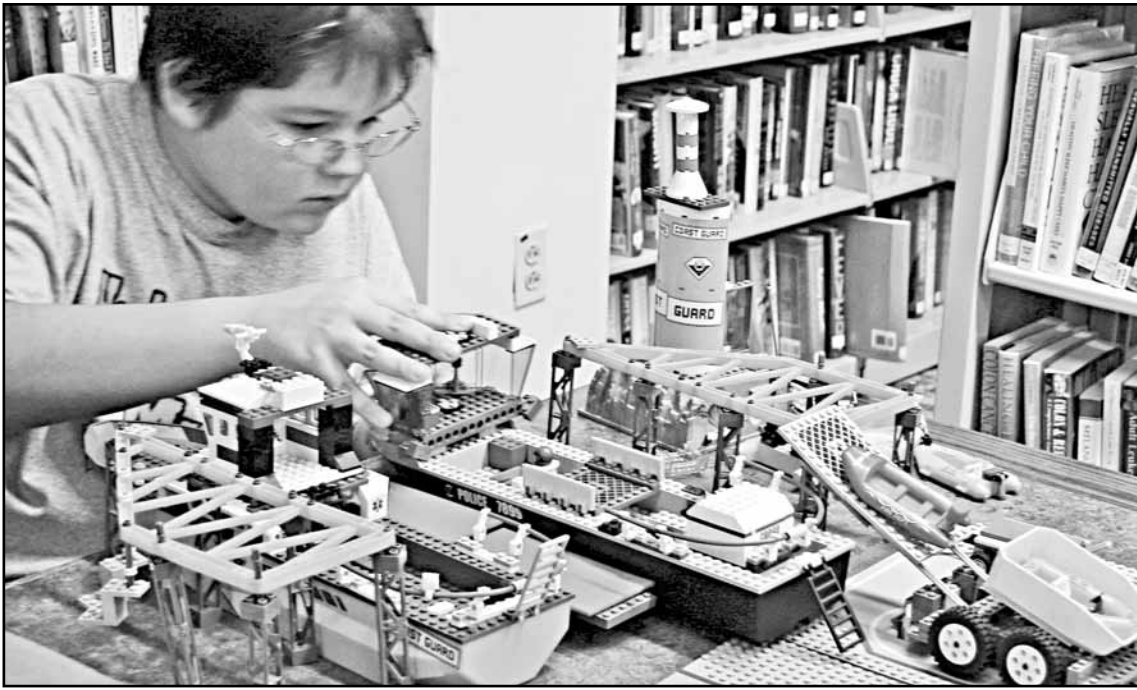


The **Wood-Ridge** Annual Tree Lighting was held on November 27, 2009, at Veterans Park, starting at 7 p.m. and included a "Toys for Tots" drive. Mayor Paul Sarlo and the Council led in the tree lighting countdown. Middle and High School Choral students sang Christmas Carols. The "Special Guest" was a huge hit with the children as he sat in The Gazebo and listened to their secret wishes. Refreshments were served. ###



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## 20th Annual Lego Event

On Friday, November 20, 2009, over 100 children were in attendance for the 20th Annual Lego Night at The Hasbrouck Heights Free Public Library.

The children were divided according to their grade levels starting from Pre-K up to Grade 7, with multiple winners being chosen from each group. In little more than 90 minutes, the children were able to create all sorts of architectural buildings and structures with Lego blocks that they brought from home.

The Friends of the Library provided the refreshments, prizes and the magician and clowns for entertainment. The-Lego judges: Honorable Mayor Rose Heck, Dr. Burnett Eglow, architect Joseph Frangiosa, and engineers Doug Job & Bill Spencer. *Story by Mimi Hui.* ###

## YMCA Offers Arts Classes at Williams Center

The Meadowlands Area YMCA and The Williams Center for the Arts announce their new collaboration, bringing arts education to southern Bergen County. After the success of last summer's Musical Theatre Camp, the YMCA is responding to requests from the community to provide more arts classes.

The Williams Center in Rutherford has enthusiastically agreed to provide a location for the classes. The Board of Directors, represented by Dr. Joseph DeFazio, embraced the idea of using The Center to host local arts education. The Williams Center will continue to show movies in their cinema.

Local artists and teachers will teach 27 classes at the nov-

ice/intermediate level, which include programs for adults, teens and children. Courses include creative writing, acting, singing, ballroom dance, hip hop/club dance, filmmaking, mixed media, watercolors, drawing, jewelry making and clay sculpture.

Registration is already underway for these classes, which begin February 1, 2010. For a full list of classes including course descriptions, age ranges, fees and schedules, call the Meadowlands YMCA at 201-955-5300, or visit [www.YMCAinfo.org](http://www.YMCAinfo.org)###

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Teens and adults helped each other to construct these delightful edible structures.

Once the walls were up, the

fun began. Everyone put their own twist on the basic structure by adding candy, icing, and gingerbread characters – all in amazing style! Prizes were awarded for Most Outrageous, Most Creative, Neatest, Messiest and The Masterpiece. ###



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### Brownie Troop Entertains Seniors

On December 3, 2009, local Brownie Troops 438 and 454 spent an afternoon with the seniors. This holiday get together took place in the Senior Center.

The girls sang Christmas Songs then distributed Bingo boards to those seniors who attended. They each picked a bingo number and called it out. Prizes

were distributed to the many winners. Following another song they invited everyone to enjoy the refreshments they provided. The afternoon was enjoyed by all. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. ###*



**Bridge Program.** Teens recently completed an After School Bridge Program at the Hasbrouck Heights Public Library. Sponsored by the American Contract Bridge League, the eight part series was taught by Master Eileen Whitney. ###

### Corpus Christi Celebrates the Spirit of the Season

The month of December brings excitement for students and staff at Corpus Christi School. The joy and traditions of the Advent season bring the end of the calendar year and the end of the first trimester. After the decorating of the Giving Tree by the Eighth Grade class on the First Sunday of Advent on November 29, 2009, the generosity of the Parish and school families is demonstrated every year with the mountains of presents that appear at the tree's base.

The first Friday of December saw the release of report cards and a half day for all

students. There was no school on Tuesday, December 8 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

With their shopping lists in hand, the students looked forward to choosing small gifts for their family and friends at Santa's Shop on December 10 and 11. Friday, December 11 was also Spirit Day, which allowed students wear festive green and red, instead of the usual Corpus Christi uniforms.

On December 13, Santa himself visited Corpus Christi for one of the school's most popular events of the Christmas season, Breakfast with Santa.

The Christmas Concert with the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade and the school choir took place on the evening of December 18. The PreK3 and PreK4 Christmas Shows were presented on December 18 and 23, respectively.

The Advent Prayer Service and HSA Children's Christmas Breakfast took place on Wednesday, December 23 with a noon dismissal. Classes will resume on Monday, January 4 and will begin to gear up for the celebration of Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. *Story by Kevin O'Rourke. ###*

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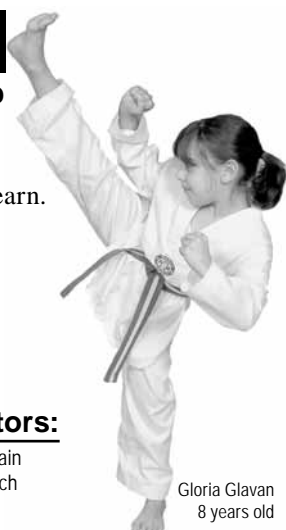
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## Centennial Sports Tournament

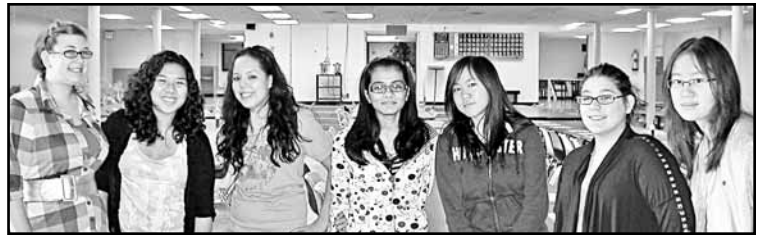
One of the most exciting events of the Moonachie Centennial Celebration is the Round Robin Sports Event. Three sporting events have been scheduled -- volleyball, basketball, and softball.

Community teams from the Fire Department, the Police Department, Parents, PTO, Teachers and the community

at large participated in the first scheduled event -- the volleyball game at R.L. Craig School on November 20, 2009. The Police team won the tournament, and will be awarded the trophy at the next event, which is the basketball game. Over \$600 was raised to support on-going Centennial events like the Centennial Parade and \$123

was raised for the Municipal Alliance.

The basketball game will be held on February 26th at the R.L. Craig School at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 per person for adults and \$3.00 per person for children and seniors. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Residents are encouraged to come out and cheer for their favorite team -- and support the Centennial. *Story by MEL. ###*



## Kiwanis 35th Pancake Breakfast

For the last 35 years the Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro has held an Annual Pancake Breakfast on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. This year they continued the tradition on November 22, 2009. It was held in the Corpus Christi Cafeteria where it has taken place for 34 of the 35 years.

Chairpersons were Peter Gallo Jr. 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, Bill Schweizer,



Vincent Costa and Peter Gallo. Key Club members helped setting the tables and cleaning up. Some friends of Kiwanian members also helped out.

Marie Gallo was in charge of admission tickets. Carinne Murphy, Barbara Smith, Colleen Jarvis, and Joanne Gristina took care of the basket and 50-50 raffle. Bill O'Shea's Florist donated the balloons.

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

## Mid-Bergen Rotary Beefsteak a Big Success

The Mid-Bergen Rotary Club held their 34th Annual Beefsteak Dinner/Charity Auction on Friday, November 20, 2009, 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.

Wood-Ridge High School students from Interact Club helped set up and were prize runners throughout the evening (*Interact is Rotary International's service club for young people, ages 14-18*). *###*



(l-r) Eric K. Mason, Past President, John Pietrowitz, Current President, Dr. Michael Shustyk, Secretary, newly sworn in Lions, Salvatore Grasso and Alex Gil, Thomas Mason, Past President.

## HH Lions Annual Installation Dinner

The Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights held an annual induction dinner at Biagio's in Paramus, NJ on November 5, 2009. During the evening, two new members were sworn into the Lions Club of Hasbrouck

Heights: Salvatore Grasso (*sponsored by Eric Mason*) and Alex Gil (*sponsored by Thomas Mason*). The membership of the Lions Club of Hasbrouck Heights continues to grow in an effort to serve

the community of Hasbrouck Heights with additional focus on sight preservation and assistance to the sight impaired. *Story by Eric Mason. Photo provided by Lions Club. ###*



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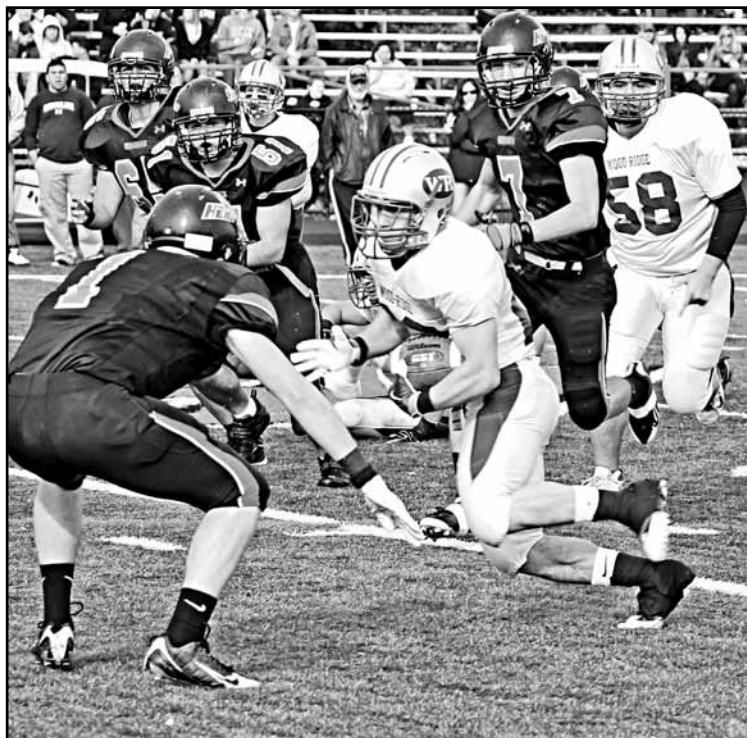
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# Heights/W-R Thanksgiving Day Tradition



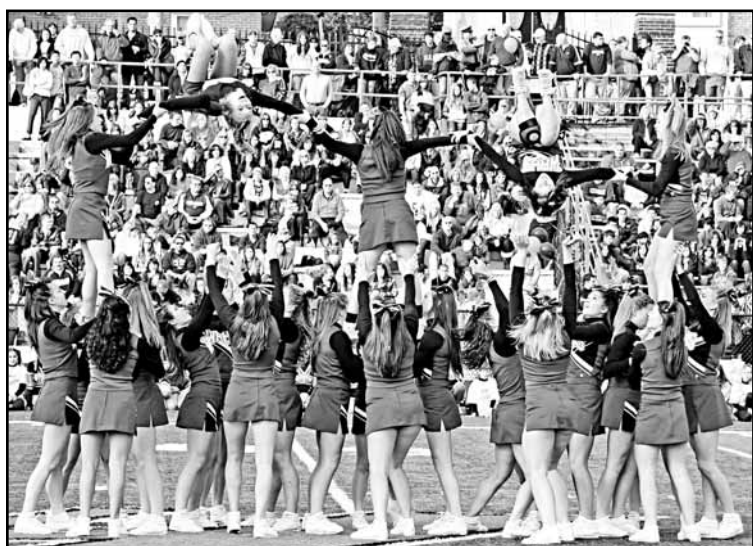
While turkeys and all the trimmings were being prepared at home, Hasbrouck Heights Aviators and Wood-Ridge Blue Devils held their long-time traditional Thanksgiving Day game on November 26, 2009, at Depken Field.

While the teams prepped, Hasbrouck Heights senior football players, cheerleaders and their parents were recognized.

It was a nice morning where friends, neighbors, alumni and fans had a chance to socialize and reminisce about their glory days.

Both cheerleading squads performed outstanding routines. The Hasbrouck Heights High School Band performed at halftime, but during the game, the Wood-Ridge Band members let them know they were there.

Both teams played a better than average high school football game, with each team making some outstanding plays, but the Turkey Day battle ended with Heights 49, W-R 12. ###



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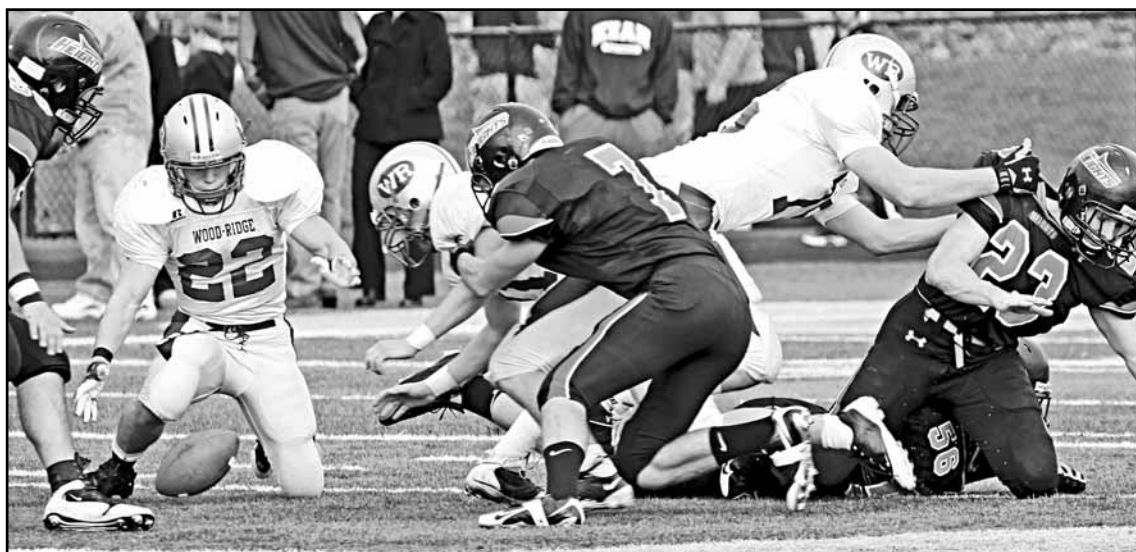
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What A Thrill! Travelers Heat Up IZOD Arena. February 2009



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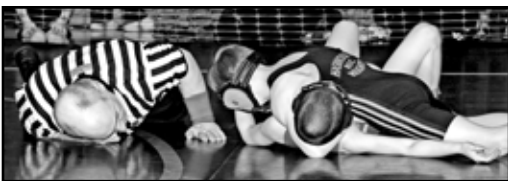
Ready to Take The Field. October 2009



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Mutual Aid Rallies Area Resource Army. August 2009



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With a Hippity Hop, Hop, The Easter Bunny Visited. May 2009



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Summertime. July 2009



Spooky and Scary. December 2009



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District Champs Honored on HHLL Opening Day. May 2009



HHFD Annual Inspection. June

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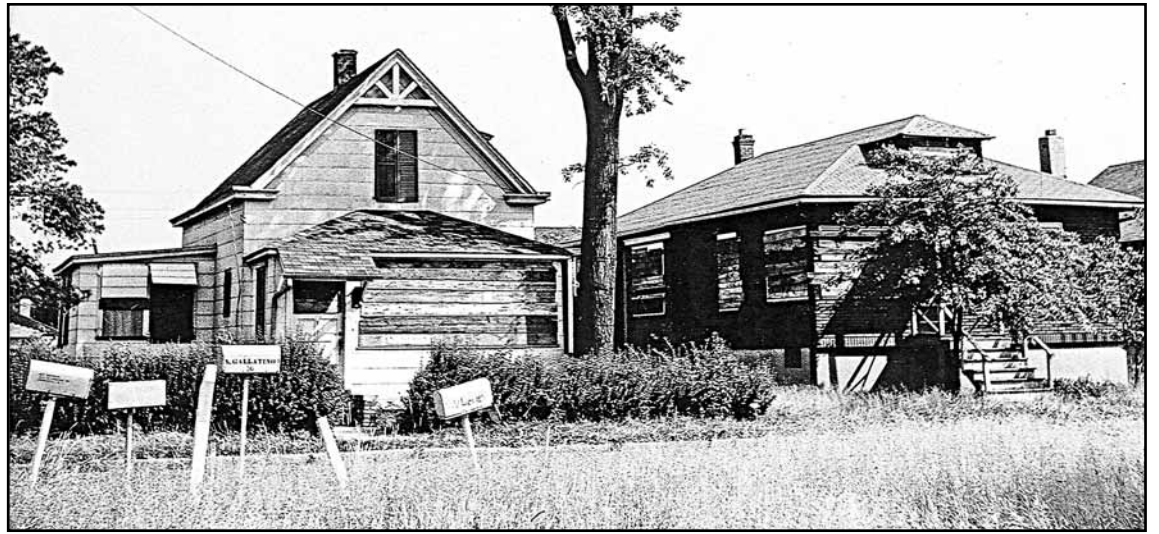


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# History of Moonachie

(Editor's Note: In celebration of its 100th Anniversary, over the course of the next year, *The Gazette Newspaper* is providing a multi-part series of Moonachie's history. The following is reprinted as written, from the 2000 Ninetieth Gold Anniversary Journal.)

### Part Six

Moonachie has also been the home, for many years, of the Hackensack Valley Fliers Model Airplane Club located at the end of Empire Boulevard. You can always hear the model planes flying and it's a favorite place to stop and watch them.

In the 1950s, this same area was part of the Blauvelt Estate, which was one of the largest pheasant hunting preserves in the country.

People would travel from all over the country to hunt pheasant on the estate, which was privately stocked with birds. You might still be able to spot a pheasant in the meadows along State Street or near the end of Empire Boulevard if you were lucky.

The meadowlands, along the eastern side of the Losen Slote Creek, is home to a nature trail that was constructed recently by the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission.

Although there presently is no entrance from Moonachie, one can be found at the end of Mehrhof Road in Little Ferry. Nature lovers and environ-

mentalists will enjoy a walk through an area that remains relatively undisturbed from the development that has erased much of the natural environment of the area.

The trailer parks that began in Moonachie have also changed over the years. There are only two parks now, and no longer can you rent a space to stay for an overnight visit.

The parks are now communities within themselves, and the overnight trailers have been replaced with mobile homes.

Rodgers Trailer Park is now Vanguard Associates and Metropolitan Trailer Court is Metropolitan Associates. The Moonachie Trailer Park, located on the north side of Moonachie Avenue, became a victim of the Port Authority expansion back in the 50s.

As the 20th century has come to a close, Moonachie looks forward with promise and pessimism to the changes that are awaiting us just over the horizon.

It was way back in 1949 that the Port Authority stepped in and took away almost one half of the property in Moonachie and began its master plan to convert a small local airport into a much larger regional airport. About 15 years later, the airport saw another major change when, in the early 1960s, the first commercial jet aircraft landed at Teterboro.

Teterboro's take-offs and landings far exceed most ma-

for commercial airports in the country. Every major world personality, including the President of the United States, has at one time or another used the services of Teterboro Airport.

Unfortunately, for the local area residents, with the commercial jets, came excessive noise and pollution from the planes. Corporate jets are getting larger and more prevalent, private aircraft that once were the heart of Teterboro Airport are virtually non-existent, having moved to smaller, outlying private airports to avoid the traffic and the high cost of operating out of Teterboro.

Changes around us continue to shape our future, but the town will continue on as it has for the past 90 years as a small, local community where friends and neighbors are, in many cases, related and are always an important part of the community.

The dirt roads, the cedar forests and the brickyards are gone and have been replaced by paved roads, large commercial buildings and a busy jetport.

Down the road from Moonachie lies a major sports complex and promises a new giant shopping mall. No one can predict what other changes will change the face of our small town, but we know it can never remain the same or go back to what it once was.

We can only continue to work towards making Moonachie a nice place to live and to raise a family. ###

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## Reflections

### Where Do The Wise Find God?

Msgr. Lewis V. Papera, Pastor  
Corpus Christi Church

The simple yet profound mystery of the Christmas through Epiphany season is often grasped through stories.

One such story, written by John Donne, a famous writer in 17th Century England, concerns a man in search for God.

The hero of the story believes that God lives on top of a mountain on the other side of the world, so he sets out to find and climb the mountain. After a long and difficult journey, he finds the mountain. It is much higher and more challenging than he expected, but if he intends to find God, he must continue. After studying the mountain, he decides the best route is on the east side. The next morning he begins His ascent.

At the same time, God, who indeed lives on the top of the mountain, decides He wants to show His love for His people by leaving the mountaintop and living among His people as one of them. After studying all four sides of the mountain, God decides that the best route is the west side. The next morning God begins his descent.

Thus it happens that God descends the west side at the same time the hero ascends the east side of the mountain. And so God and the man miss each other as they journey on opposite sides of the mountain.

When the man reaches the top of the mountain, he finds it empty. He is deeply disappointed. His mind is filled with conflicting thoughts: "God

#### Free Lunch at First Moonachie Continues on January 2, 2010

This program is an expansion of the church's ministry of feeding hungry bodies and hungry hearts, and will continue on the first Saturday of every month throughout the coming year.

If the economy's got you down, or you want to share a meal with others, come and be a part of the fun!

The next opportunity is January 2, beginning at 11:30 a.m. If you need a ride, please call Tina at 201-952-9231. There is no charge and there are no strings attached! Everyone is welcome. ###

does not live here after all..? Does God exist?.. Or if He does exist, where does He live?... Does it matter if I stay on the mountaintop alone or return to home?"

John Donne ends his story here, not telling us what the man decides. This parable is meant for the people of his time who were in search, but never finding Him. Like the man in John Donne's story, they become discouraged and conclude that God does not exist. At this point, John Donne's story and the great message of the Epiphany merge.

The feast of Epiphany celebrates the wise men, called Magi, coming from the East to honor Jesus. These men were instructors of Persian kings and the most learned of their time. Their search for the birth of the great king did not lead them to a mountaintop, but rather to a tiny village of poor people.

It is here where John Donne's story helps us to better understand the important les-

son of the Epiphany season: God has truly come down from heaven to live among his people and He reveals Himself to ordinary people.

Christ the King expressed this same lesson in Matthew's gospel: "I was hungry ... thirsty ... homeless ... ill ... in prison and you cared for me. What you did do for one of these least ones, you did for me."

If we are to find God in our own world today, we must learn from the Magi and the wise men and women throughout the ages. God is not normally found on lofty mountaintops but rather in ordinary life.

He is not normally found among the great and the powerful but rather among the lowly and the powerless.

This poem sums up in practical terms the message of this season:

*"When the song of the angels is stilled,*

*When the star in the sky is gone,*

*When the kings and princes are home,*

*When the shepherds are back with the flocks.*

*The work of Christmas begins:*

*To feed the hungry,*

*To release the prisoners,*

*To rebuild the nations.*

*To bring peace among brothers.*

*To make music with the hearts."* Author unknown  
###

#### Corpus Christi Rosary Society News

The next General Meeting of the Rosary Society is Thursday, January 7, 2010, in the school cafeteria following the recitation of the Rosary at 7:15 p.m. and Mass in the Chapel.

Our program for the evening is a Brown Bag Auction. Members are reminded to bring an auction item (*minimum five-dollar value*) in a sealed bag with a poem describing the item enclosed. Guess the contents and bid on the package! The proceeds from the auction will be donated to our Child in Need project.

Highlights of the new calendar year include a Lasagna Dinner in the school cafeteria on March 26, a "Bakeless Cake Sale" scholarship fundraiser in April, a visit to the Bergen Regional Medical Center in May, and our Annual Baby Shower for the benefit of Birthright in June.

We encourage the women of the parish to join the Rosary Society in prayer and service.

Members are required to say one decade of the Rosary daily, to attend monthly meetings, to pray the Rosary for deceased members, and to participate whenever possible

in various service projects. Simply come to a General Meeting or call Membership Chairperson Dee Sullivan, 201-288-7415, for further information. ###

#### Just Curious?

There are many folks who are sharing our ministries these days who don't know much about Christianity in general or the Presbyterian Church in particular.

We want to provide some answers for those who might have questions, and for that reason we are starting a new study series called "Being Christian, Being Presbyterian."

Led by Pastor Kimberly, with perhaps some help from our friends, this will be a chance to explore what is distinctive about the Presbyterian Church, and how we fit into the Body of Christ worldwide. Classes will be held on Sunday afternoons at 1:00 p.m. beginning on January 17, 2010, and running for six weeks. Everyone is welcome, but to help with the planning, please call Pastor Kimberly at 973-769-4575 and let her know if you are interested. ###

#### Computer Literacy Classes Start Feb. 24

On Wednesday, February 24, 2010, students can register for the Spring session of Computer Literacy Classes at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights.

Registration is the first night of class. Space is limited to six students on a first come first serve basis. The first session begins on Wednesday night, February 24th at 6:45 p.m. at the Care Center. Classes continue for the next three weeks, March 3, March 10 and March 17. A certificate will be awarded upon completion of the course.

For more information about the Computer Literacy Class, please call the Care Center office at 201-288-9460. A registration form accompanied by a non-refundable registration fee of \$25 must be completed for each student. ###

#### Citizenship Classes Start February 15th

Preparatory classes for U.S. Citizenship will start on Monday, February 15, 2010, and finish on Monday, March 22, 2010, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Care on the Corner, 333 Franklin Avenue in Hasbrouck Heights. Registration and Testing will take place on Wednesday, January 20th and 27th, 2010 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. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$25 registration fee, must be completed for each student. ###

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## Italian Night Dinner Benefit Jan. 23

An Italian Night Dinner to benefit NTAF Mid-Atlantic Stem Cell Transplant Fund in Honor of Cathy Haussmann will be held Saturday, January 23 2010, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The dinner will be at Saint Margaret of Cortona's Marnell Hall, the corner of Liberty Street and Chamberlain Ave., Little Ferry, NJ. Snow date will be Sunday, January 24, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Cost is \$13 per person and includes Ziti with sauce, meatballs, sausage, bread, dessert, coffee, tea and soda.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ellie at 201-641-0883 or at the Pet Spa, 252 Liberty St., Little Ferry.

No tickets will be sold at the door; take-outs are available but must be pre-paid.

Please make check payable to: NTAF Mid-Atlantic Stem Cell Transplant Fund. Note in the memo section: "In honor of Cathy Haussmann." ###



## ICHS Holiday Concert

The Immaculate Conception High School Vocal Ensemble performed "The ICHS Christmas Story" written by an ICHS Junior, Brittany Buckman of Hasbrouck Heights.

Following the yearly ICHS manger/tree blessing and lighting ceremony, the Vocal Ensemble sang numerous Christmas carols that livened the audience and filled the crowd with the Christmas spirit.

The girls prepared solos as well as group carols, including "Believe," from "The Polar Express," "Where Are You, Christmas?," "O Holy Night," "Adeste Fideles," "The Birthday of a King," "Carol of the Bells" and a few Polish Christmas Carols. ###



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## Local Choirs Sing Together in Praise

The Church Choirs from three communities assembled for one evening of praise, worship and song. The program took place at the Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge on Saturday, November 21, 2009. The theme of the evening was "Sing Praise to the Glory of His Name!"

The groups that performed were the Corpus Christi Choir from Hasbrouck Heights, under the direction of Joanna Kowalski, the St. Joseph's Church Choir from Lodi, under the direction of Millie Connelly, the Assumption Church's Worship Team from Wood-Ridge, under the direction of Angie Rotella-Suarez and the St. Paul/Resurrection Episcopal Church from Wood-Ridge, under the direction of their Pastor, Father David Jacob.

Organist and keyboard player, Gerald DeMann, from St. Mary's Church in Rutherford, also participated by playing interludes at the beginning and end of the program as well as being the accompanist when the groups performed in unison.

The groups each sang two selected religious songs; they

also joined together with the audience to sing "We Gather Together" and "Holy, Holy, Holy." The words to these songs were projected on a screen for all to see and sing to.

The screen was also used to project two short movies, one to illustrate how many times music and song were mentioned in the Old Testament; and another to highlight the many times in history that past US Presidents mentioned the need to call upon a Divine Being for help and guidance.

Maria Valente, from St. Matthews's Parish in Ridgefield, was the media expert who prepared all video screen productions.

The last two songs of the evening, "How Great Thou Art" and "America the Beautiful," were sung by all. The combined Church Choirs assembled in front of the audience to present a unified effort and sang in four part harmony. Those in the audience joined in as the words were projected on the screen. The effect was breathtaking.

The goal of the evening was achieved: the concert was uplifting. It was a deeply mov-

ing, inspiring and spiritual performance which at times brought the audience to its feet. Those who attended had nothing but praise to share with all at the informal social hour that followed the performance.

The idea for such a gathering prior to Thanksgiving Day was the brain child of Angie Rotella-Suarez, Music Minister/Worship Leader at Assumption Church in Wood-Ridge. She planned the program and made all the arrangements. As she has expressed many times, "Music has the ability to touch deeply, move hearts, heal, and express our passions." Angie's idea was that the gathering of groups from different denominational Churches was a great way to remember Jesus' final prayer, "Father make them one!"

At the conclusion of the program, Assumption's Pastor, Father Brian Cullinane, expressed that the inspiring performances had touched all. He plans to schedule another performance on November 20, 2010, and hopes more choirs will join. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr. Photos by Marie Gallo. ###*



## Songs of the Season Concert at Holy Trinity

The Bergenfield High School Honors Chamber Orchestra, under the direction of Joseph Dubbiosi, conductor, and the Bergenfield High School Honors Vocal Ensemble, under the direction of Malcolm V. Couden, conductor, performed at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Hasbrouck Heights on Friday, December 11, 2009.

The theme for the evening concert was "Songs of the Season." Included were a variety of selections from Away in a

Manger, to Riu, Riu, Chiu to Jingle Bells and an upbeat jazz version of Five Ukrainians in a Bell Tower, incorporating Dave Brubeck's well known Take Five.

It was a most enjoyable evening with both the orchestra and the vocal ensemble receiving rave reviews from all who attended.

This is the third performance that the Bergenfield High School groups have given at Holy Trinity and we are always delighted to have these

very talented students share their music with us.

Donations from the concert will go toward purchasing accessories and supporting the new bell choir that will be shared between two congregations, the Lutheran Church of The Redeemer in Maywood and Holy Trinity. It is expected that the bell choir will begin rehearsals sometime early in the new year. *Story by Judy Danilchick and photos by Arnold Steinhauff. ###*



## "The Day That Galvanized Us As a Nation"

A Remembrance Service was held at the USS Ling New Jersey Naval Museum, December 6, 2009, at 1 p.m. -- the 68th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941.

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 Tom Conlon calling the program to order. There was the Presentation of The Colors by several groups followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brianna Conlon.

The National Anthem was sung by Ms. Dana Reminsky, Boonton High School, Invocation by John Holman, VP SubVets WWII and welcoming remarks by Basil Kio, State

Commander, SubVets WWII and Bergen County Executive Dennis McNerney.

The guest speaker was Alvin Mihalick, PhD., Deputy Director of Research, Ret. It was a special moment when Mihalick shook the hand of special guest Captain Vladimir Belyaev (Navy) from the Russian Mission in New York and commented from cold war adversaries to partners in peace.

"God Bless the USA" and "I Believe" were sung by the Chorus of the Tappan Zee.

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 SEA Cadets stationed a wreath beneath the flagpole. There was a rifle salute by American Legion Post 162, Hillsdale, NJ. As the salutes were fired, thousands of birds stirred and flew above the USS Ling, as if the souls of those lost took flight.

Ken Odgers, Bugler, B.A.A., played Taps. Chester Skrocki, Chaplain WWII SubVets, gave the Benediction. The Colors were retired. "I Believe" was sung by the Chorus of the Tappan Zee. This annual event at the USS Ling began in 1972. ###



## Leisure Club Installs Officers

The Leisure Club of Hasbrouck Heights installed its officers at their Annual Christmas Party held at the Landmark Catering on Wednesday, December 9, 2009. All the officers, except for the secretary, have held these positions since January 1, 2005. Past President

Michael Cahill conducted the ceremony. The officers who will serve from January 1st to December 31, 2010 are President John Fitzin, Vice President Peter J. Gallo, Secretary Barbara Canzanella and Treasurer Dorothy Fitzin. *Story and photo by Marie Gallo. ###*

## January 2010 Heights Senior Calendar

Open to All Hasbrouck Heights Seniors

### SENIOR ACTIVITIES

**Monday, January 4, 11, 25**

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

**Tuesday, January 5, 12, 19, 26**

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 20, 27**

10:00 a.m. Wii Bowling League

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

**Thursday, January 7, 14, 21, 28**

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

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

**Friday, January 8, 22**

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

**Friday, January 15, 29**

10:00 a.m. Fun Bingo

1:00 p.m. Movies

Check Center Bulletin Board for listings

### CLUB MEETING SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, January 6**

10:30 a.m. Leisure Club Executive Meeting

**Wednesday, January 13**

Entertainment: Mike Gintella Show

**NOTE:** Center will be closed:

New Year's Day: Friday, January 1

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 18

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Leisure Club 60th Birthday Party

All paid up members will be treated to: pasta with meatballs, salad, dessert, coffee, tea and soda at the Center starting at noon on Wednesday, April 14, 2010. Entertainment by Mind Reader, Flavian. Dues must be paid by the March 2010 meeting.

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## Pharmacist Corner

### Germs -- Beware!!!

By Linda E. Stumper, RPh

The Center for Disease Control has published guidelines to prevent the spread of the flu and other bacterial & viral infections that run rampant this winter season.

The best prevention is to follow these guidelines while going about our daily routines and activities: wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer; also avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Finally, cover your mouth and nose with your arm (*NOT your hands*) when coughing or sneezing. These are the new laws of infection prevention.

Some additional ways to cut down the spread of infectious germs may seem like common sense and a little old-fashioned, but they really

do the trick. Putting on a fresh shirt and washing your hands before meals can really lend a helping hand.

Think about it...your shirt has been with you all day long, catching the various sneezes and coughs from all those you've passed and encountered, not to mention the allergens from heating units, smog, car exhaust and pet dander.

Another helpful tidbit is to avoid reusing tissues. Remember to sanitize your hands after handling money to buy your fast food lunch, using the ATM, leaving the doctor's office and countless other places you've been on your daily travels. These places have more germs than you can imagine!

If someone in your home does become sick, don't give up on the germ war. This will only cause the problem to intensify.

Have the sick person use their own towel. Wipe down door, refrigerator and sink handles, telephones and computer keyboards with disinfectant spray or wipes.

Some of the most common household items are breeding grounds for those infection carrying little critters.

Believe it or not, one of the first things you see when you enter a home is a subway hub for bacteria...Your Welcome mat! You wipe your feet on it before you walk through the door, your pets stand on it after their "business" and countless more of Mother Nature's creatures scamper across it.

This leaves a host of germs that want to hitch a ride into your nice, clean home. So please, spray that mat with disinfectant, don't put grocery

bags on it and, if possible, leave your shoes outside. This will prevent the germs from getting an express ride through your home.

If a family member has a chronic disease like asthma, emphysema, or heart disease, they are extremely susceptible to catching any kind of infection from the outside world.

This is also true of the elderly and young children. Therefore, it is extremely important to practice these infection prevention techniques.

The final way to prevent the germs from getting to you is by boosting your immunity.

Your immune system is the first line of defense against any impending infection. You can help your body's fight by getting plenty of rest, eating healthy, exercise and drinking plenty of fluids.

Remember that stress decreases your body's immune system. Keeping an upbeat attitude boosts those immunity factors. Daily doses of Vitamin C can stimulate activity of antibodies and immune system cells that aid your body in its immune crusade.

Studies have shown that decreasing the amount of sugar intake also aids in keeping your body less susceptible to bacterial or viral infection. In addition to that, keep your nose moist with an item like saline nasal mist or a humidifier. This has been known to prevent infection as well. Continue fighting the germ war by giving them the old one-two punch! Use preventative measures both inside and outside your body.

Additional Information: [www.befluready.com](http://www.befluready.com); [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org); [www.prevention.com/immunesystemboost](http://www.prevention.com/immunesystemboost)

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# Fitness Tips

By Joann Glussich

## The New Year's Resolution Trap

New Year's Day never fails to evoke feelings of hope and renewal, but is it really a trap?

You've been handed a proverbial clean slate - another chance to shrug off your bad habits and reach for your dreams.

In an attempt to bottle that New Year's vigor, you'll make a few New Year's Resolutions. But before you put pen to paper, you ought to know this:

It has been reported that 92% of all New Year's Resolutions end in failure.

That means that less than 1 out of every 10 people will successfully accomplish their resolutions in 2010.

Ouch - those statistics are brutal. Who in their right mind would take the time to make resolutions when failure is that imminent?

As your trusted source for fitness advice, I'd like to coach you through this sticky situation. Yes, most people fail to achieve their New Year's Resolutions. However, I am going to clue you in on what the 92% do wrong and teach you what the 8% who succeed do right.

The 92% gave themselves an easy way out. They approached their resolution with an "all or nothing" attitude. Once the "all" became too tough they opted for "nothing." And just like that another resolution ended in failure - end of story.

Now let's examine the 8% who succeed with their resolutions year after year. They set realistic goals.

- Instead of resolving to lose 50 pounds by June, they commit to exercise 3-4 times each week.

- Instead of resolving to give up all carbs, they commit to bring healthy snacks to work instead of eating from the vending machine.

- Instead of resolving to

drop 3 sizes in 3 months, they commit to losing 1 pound each week until they reach their desired size.

- Instead of resolving to never eat out again, they commit to eating healthy all week and rewarding themselves with one meal out on the weekends.

Do you see the difference? If you want your resolution to stick then think of something simple and realistic. Sure, it certainly won't sound as cool as the resolutions that the 92% make - but they aren't going to keep theirs anyway.

Remember that the whole point of making a New Year's Resolution is to become a healthier, happier and more successful person. Small changes done consistently will make a big difference.

If your New Year's Resolution has to do with losing weight and getting into great shape (and whose isn't?) then guarantee your success by working with a fitness expert who can show you the ropes and guide you to success.

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Joann Glussich, Certified Personal Trainer and owner of Contours Express, 1 South Main Street (Lodi Mall), Lodi, NJ 973-777-4494, [www.contoursexpress.com/lodinj](http://www.contoursexpress.com/lodinj) ###



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# Real Estate Insight

By Mary Ellen Courtney



## Reality in Real Estate

Too often in the world of real estate home sellers are led down a path that looks "oh so rosy" but is absolutely counter-productive to the business of getting the home sold.

I'm speaking of listing agents who will overprice a property, building up the seller's hopes and eventually putting the home seller in the plight of having to chase the market.

Some brokers believe it's OK to price a home high, figuring it's the one sure way to get the listing (*hey, you can reduce the price later*). I totally disagree with this philosophy. With all the information available to homebuyers these days - at virtually the click of a mouse away - it astonishes me that professional Realtors would put their clients through this game.

Let me give you an example of what I am referring to. This is an account of an actual listing that started out with a discount broker and evolved with zero success for the seller.

7/1/2008 - property listed for \$529,000.

8/16/2008 - price reduced to \$479,000.

11/6/2008 - price reduced to \$424,000.

1/30/2009 - listing expired.

2/14/2009 - property is relisted at \$389,000.

8/14/2009 - listing expires again.

8/15/2009 - property is relisted, this time to a reasonably priced \$339,000.

9/18/2009 - seller withdraws listing from the MLS 33 days into a 6 month listing contract.

9/22/2009 - seller relists the property with a different agency for \$359,000.

Can you see what I mean about chasing the market? This seller was led down the primrose path at the outset and then, once they reached a reasonable list price of \$339,000, chose to change agencies after 33 days into the third listing period, raising the price by \$20,000.

Needless to say, the home is still sitting on the market.

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# Fire Destroys Washington Place Home

On the evening of December 11, 2009, several 911 calls were made to dispatch reporting a fire on Washington Place, near Terrace Avenue.

At 21:32, the Hasbrouck Heights Fire Department was dispatched to a working fire consuming the front porch, with heavy smoke throughout the structure.

Coincidentally, while driving by, off-duty Detective Sergeant Joseph Rinke noticed the fire, and putting himself at risk, alerted the occupants and escorted them out the rear door. Rinke suffered minor smoke inhalation and was transported to HUMC.

First Assistant Chief Kevin Todd, first on the scene within three minutes of the alarm, confirmed a working fire that was engulfing the porch and traveling to the second and third floors.

Fire Chief Michael Ratkowski arrived moments later, assumed overall command and Todd assumed operations.

A F.A.S.T. Team and Engine Company from Carlstadt and a Tower Ladder from Little Ferry were immediately called to the scene and arrived moments later.

Wallington Engine Company and Lodi Tower Ladder arrived at the scene with manpower. (*Extra manpower needed due to the 27<sup>th</sup> temperature.*)

A 3rd alarm stood by at HHFD Headquarters.

Heights Engine 2 approached from Burton Avenue, connected to a hydrant with a 5" supply line, advanced to

the front of the structure and a team began an interior attack with two 2" hand lines -- one on the porch and on the first floor.

Ex-Chief Tony Greco coordinated field communications from the Rescue Truck.

Heights Ladder entered the structure and started to open up interior walls and ceilings on the first floor.

Due to the heavy volume of fire, Engine 1 connects a 5" supply line at Terrace Avenue and approaches.

Two 2-inch hand lines were stretched to the second floor.

Little Ferry Tower set up for a roof vent. Manpower from Little Ferry Ladder assisted Heights Ladder in putting up ground ladders.

Manpower from Carlstadt Engine 701 assisted with opening up walls and ceilings on the second floor.

About four 2" hand lines were actively attacking the blaze inside.

After the initial porch fire was extinguished, firefighters did an aggressive interior attack. The fire was rapidly spreading through the walls and extended to all three floors due to the balloon frame construction.

Because of the wind and extreme heat, firefighters used hand lines to protect the exposures of the adjoining homes and investigated the interiors with thermal imaging cameras.

Due to heavy fire conditions and ceiling collapses on the second and third floors, Chief Ratkowski sounded the

evacuation tones and began an exterior attack.

Firefighters went into a master stream attack from both Heights Ladder and Little Ferry Tower positioned on Washington Place.

After the heavy fire was knocked down, firefighters went in for another interior attack, and overhauled any remaining hot spots.

Engine companies from Lodi and Moonachie that were standing by at HQ were called to the scene for manpower.

At about 22:45, a fire officer complained of dizziness and chest discomfort and was transported to HUMC.

Due to icy conditions, the HH DPW was called in to salt the area about midnight.

The fire was under control about midnight and firefighters fought persistent hot spots on the first and second floors.

The front porch collapsed at 01:00 with no injuries. Mutual aid companies were released.

Heights returned to HQ at about 01:30 and spent about 45 minutes repacking hoses, cleaning tools and refilling air tanks. Although released from the scene, Moonachie FD assisted. Also, the Moonachie EMS Squad stayed at HQ and checked out every firefighter.

The 100+ year old home sustained significant damage and was declared uninhabitable. Public Service shut off all utilities.

About 75 volunteer firefighters from Carlstadt, East Rutherford, Garfield, Little Ferry, Lodi and Moonachie, Wallington and Box 54 assisted the HHFD.

About 25 EMS from Carlstadt, Heights, Lodi and Moonachie worked the scene. South Bergen Zone 2 Coordinator Mark Tomko coordinated mutual aid support.

Hackensack Mask Service Unit provided air tank refills.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by Heights fire officials, but not considered suspicious. Smoke detectors were operational. ###



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**1940's USO Show at VFW**

On Saturday, December 5, 2009, VFW Post 4591 hosted a Dinner-Dance with music by DJ Joe Metro. The evening featured an entertaining, high-energy, 1940's style USO Show by American Belles, with dazzling costumes and engaging choreography. They sang American standards and patriotic favorites in three-part harmony. Guests were in period and military attire. ###



**Gateway Agents Foster the Season's Spirit**

Gateway Realtors agents and staff donated 12 baskets of food that were distributed to those in need in Hasbrouck Heights, Lodi, Wood-Ridge and Hackensack. Gateway also sponsored a very successful toy and clothing drive that benefited many needy families in this local area. ###



**Everyone Had a Lot of Fun**

Palisades District Performing Arts Festival was held at the Rutherford Woman's Club on December 4, 2009. Women read poems or short stories or put on a skit. Hasbrouck Heights Contemporary Club did dancing to Neil Diamond's "Coming to America." In the front is Dorothy Bernice, who was lead and supported by members dressed from various countries. (l-r) Pat Link (England), Helen O'Shea (Israel), Rosemary Willard (Italy) and Marge Heeren (Netherlands). ###

**First Lady Abigail Adams Visits W-R**

The Wood-Ridge Historical Society invited Ms. Kim Hanley to present a character portrayal of Abigail Adams, the wife of the 2nd U.S. President John Adams. The event took place at the historic Bianchi House in Wood-Ridge on December 6, 2009.

Ms. Hanley's portrayal focused on Abigail Adams' life prior to her husband becoming the president. She discussed her life with her minister father, Rev. William Smith and her mother, Elizabeth.



She discussed her courtship with John Adams, their marriage and the birth of their five children. Abigail was with him as he rose from country lawyer to circuit judge to a delegate to the Continental Congress and finally to US Ambassador to France and England.

Because of his various positions, John was away from Abigail for long periods of time. They communicated by mail. Their letters have become famous as evidence of their deep love for each other and as a source of information about the Revolutionary era.

The program was offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. *Story by Peter Gallo Jr.* ###

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## Casino Night

The Robert L. Craig PTO will hold their 2nd Annual Casino Night on January 20, 2010, at The Graycliff in Moonachie, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$50 and include \$25 in chips and buffet dinner. There will be fabulous prizes and a 50/50 raffle. For more information call Debi at 201-906-2667 or Rhonda at 551-404-3618. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2010. ###

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## HH Garden Club

Come and join us on January 21, 2010, at 6:45 p.m. at the Library Community Room located on the 2nd floor of the Municipal Building at 320 Boulevard.

The speaker to start off the New Year is Janet Schultz from Wyckoff, a Master Gardener, Horticultural Lecturer and teacher at the Ridgewood Community School.

Ms. Schultz has spent 40 years in the garden center industry and has been featured on Home Time Cable TV. Her topic for the evening will be "From the Inside Out-The Garden in Winter."

Meetings are open to the public and always informative. Refreshments will be served. For further information, call Judy at 201-288-2615. ###

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## Soup & Salad Luncheon Jan. 26

The Contemporary Club of Hasbrouck Heights invites everyone to attend the Second Annual "Soup and Salad Luncheon" on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at noon, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, located at the corner of Burton and Hamilton Avenues.

Take a break from winter and try some tasty soup, fresh salad, bread, dessert and beverage for just \$8.00 per person. For tickets contact Marge at 201-288-8933 or Dorothy at 201-288-6685 before January 20. Reservations are a must! Proceeds will benefit scholarships and other club projects. ###

## Enjoy Sunday Football at VFW Post 4591

VFW Post 4591 in Hasbrouck Heights invites fans to watch Sunday football at the Post. Free buffet. Doors open at noon. For more information call 201-288-1112. ###

## Care on the Corner Honors Rose Heck

On February 5, 2010, Care on the Corner Community Service Center will host a Gala and Auction honoring Hasbrouck Heights Mayor Rose Heck. Rose will be honored for her years of volunteer service, focusing on her two terms on the Care on the Corner Board of Directors.

During her tenure on the board she played a vital role in helping introduce the programs of Care on the Corner to the local community.

Rose will continue to assist the Care on the Corner Board by becoming a member of the Honorary Board beginning in 2010.

The Gala will be held at The Empire Club located at 136 Mehrhof Road 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.

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

Programs offered by Care on the Corner assist people in improving their job skills, making contacts in the business community, receiving help with resume preparation, and developing interview skills, computer literacy, citizenship preparation classes and sign language classes.

Sophie & Friends provides toddlers and their caregivers weekly opportunities for early childhood reading instruction and a place for socialization. Kids on the Corner offers children in Grades 2-8 an atmosphere to explore art and culture. ###

## Kiwanis Hosts Financial Seminar

The Kiwanis Club of Hasbrouck Heights/Teterboro is hosting a free financial seminar on Thursday, January 7, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at The Hasbrouck Heights Library Meeting Room.

Ms. Carolyn Silecchia, of Primerica, will present methods for families and individuals to optimize their finances.

This program is open to the public. For more information contact the Kiwanis Club at hkiwanis@gmail.com ###

## Free Adult ESL Spring Classes

On Wednesdays, January 20th and 27th, 2010, students will be registering and tested for the Spring session of Adult ESL Classes at Care on the Corner, 229 Terrace Avenue (the corner of Jefferson and Terrace Avenues) in 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 3rd and will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The last class will be Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

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

For more information about the adult ESL program or to register a student, please call the office at 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied with a non-refundable \$25 registration fee, must be completed for each student. Books will be available for purchase at the time of registration. ###

## Communicate With Your Hands

On Monday nights, starting February 1, 2010, 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.

Classes continue for ten weeks on Monday nights, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., until April 12.

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

For more information about the Communicating With Your Hands Class, please call the Care Center 201-288-9460. A registration form, accompanied by the fee, must be completed for each student by Friday, January 29, 2010. ###

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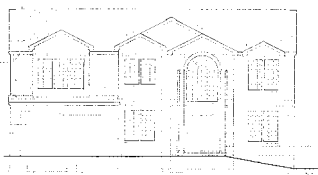
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