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In the year 1980, second and third generation Polonians from Linden held a meeting to discuss marching in the General Pulaski Memorial Parade on Fifth Avenue. Polish representatives from all the wards of the city were invited to this meeting held at St. Theresa's Church.

The Polish American Democratic club had accrued a balance of \$400 from previous bus rides to NYC for Linden residents to watch the parade. When the new group formed the money was transferred to financially help the group get started. A very successful roast beef dinner was run at the Linden Polish Home and generated another \$1,000.

In 1981 the General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of Linden proudly celebrated their first official march down 5th Ave. with our homemade Miss Polonia float on a flatbed truck donated by Tilfy Silvers. Linden's first Marshal Fr. Walter Gorski, Pastor of St. Theresa's Church lead over 500 marchers, the High School Marching Band, CWV Honor Guard, Linden Police cars, and Linden Fire apparatus proudly down 5th Ave. Jersey Polka Richie, a Polish band played on the Miss Polonia float entertaining all the joyous and proud watchers.

Arriving back in Linden after the parade, the group assembled at St. Theresa's for food, libation and Polish dancing. A good time that still prevails.

From that very first year the Linden Contingent was recognized as one of the most vibrant and largest groups marching in the parade. So much esteem and pride prevailed that in 1985 Jacob Krowicki Jr. and in 1989 Michael Slivinski were selected as Grand Marshal of the entire parade. The Linden Contingent has been blessed spiritually and monetarily with their fundraisers to augment the cost of running the parade contingent.

The founding officers were: Michael Slivinski, President; Henry Skubecz, Vice President; Jacob Krowicki Jr., Vice President; Genia Adamski ,Recording Secretary and Thomas Brzezicki, Treasurer. An Amendment of Incorporation change was made in October 1996 to the present name General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa Linden, Inc.

The officers for 2013 are: Lisa Miskiewicz daSilva, President; Danny Yamakitis, Vice President; Susanne Piatek



(above, l-r) Alexa Leigh Domenico (2012 Junior Miss Polonia); Susanne Piatek Miskiewicz (2102 Linden Grand Marshal); Maria Gabryszewska (2012 Miss Polonia).

Miskiewicz; Secretary; and Beth Ann Bodek, Treasurer.

The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7pm, St. Theresa's Church, Linden, in the Pope John Paul II Hall (underneath the church).

The GPMPC is looking for new members to help keep the traditions and culture alive in our community. First, 2nd, 3rd and now 4th generation Polish Americans want to keep the Polish traditions of our ancestors alive and well as we learn about the Polish culture and traditions currently popular in Poland today.

The committee is also looking to locate veteran members and former members to help guide the new younger members to keep the committee going.

We hope that with God's continued blessings we will continue the work that was started 33 years ago, for the good of our community and Polonia.

For information please contact Lisa at 908-294-0692, lindenpulaskiparade@gmail.com or "LIKE" us on Facebook General Pulaski Memorial Parade Committee of St. Theresa, Linden, NJ.



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TEAMWORK ISN'T NECESSARILY A TRAIT FOUND ONLY ON THE COURT

The Linden Police Athletic League recently donated books and gifts to Linden's youth attending MasterPEACE Program Christmas Party at the Linden Multi-Purpose Center.

PAL Director Officer Daniel Kuczynski stated "I've said it all along and I truly believe it.

The PAL isn't here just for the kids when they are shooting baskets or swinging bats. We want to let them know that this is an organization that cares about them, regardless of the sport they play. And this is just one of the ways to go about doing that."



(above) Linden 10th Ward Councilman Adam Kuczynski (left), Rev. Manuel Donelson (center), and PAL Director Officer Daniel Kuczynski (right) pose with children in the MasterPEACE program at the Linden Multi-Purpose Center.out your wellbeing all year round, even the offseason," said PAL Director Officer Daniel Kuczynski.



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On Wednesday, December 12, 2012, Linden School 10 students; kindergarten through grade

five had a special visit from trained Junior Achievement volunteers. These volunteers work for Parente Beard & Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel, LaPilusa CPA Firm. These employee volunteers provided the students at Highland Avenue, School No. 10 Elementary School an interactive, colorful and information-rich day! These volunteers connect with a class of students to instill confidence and teach about financial literacy, life skills, and the economic value of a diploma.



(above) Kindergarten students Veronica Kwiecinski, Jequil Miles, Monica Perez, Anthony Sainato, David Duran, Arian Cekic, Sebastian Hoyos, Erick Landy, Kiana Valencia, Gabriela Wilczynski, volunteer-Bryan Saftlas, Gabriel Machala, Joelle Jimenez, Karlee Petty, Jake Sousa display their certificates from Junior Achievement. Photo by Linden Public Schools

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STUDY SHOWS RED-LIGHT CAMERAS INCREASED INTERSECTION SAFETY

Submitted by Linden Police Department

Crashes Decreasing at Several Intersections reducing dangerous T-bone collisions, but are also reducing other types of collisions at several Linden intersections. A recent analysis on vehicular crashes illustrates the effectiveness of red-light safety camera technology. Crash data from the two year period, August 2010 to July

Red-light safety cameras are not only 2012, was analyzed and found that all three

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- Rear-end: 9%
- Right Angle: 33%
- Sideswipe: 29%
- Front: no crashes to report

"Every time we can avoid a crash we help save a life or prevent an injury," said Sgt. Michael Babulski, who administers the red light camera system for the Linden Police Department. "The results in this report are meaningful to Linden. We expect next year's results will be even better in our community and in the state, and we hope this program becomes

a permanent addition to the traffic safety network in New Jersey for the sake of all drivers. When the program went on line in August of 2010, I expected that it would take some time to change driving habits and this year's data really proves that. We are reducing crashes and injuries at every intersection, even the ones without red light cameras."

A recent statewide report found right-angle crashes and red-light running citations to be trending downward overall at intersections with photo enforcement devices, two trends the report called "encouraging." The analysis recommended that the program remain under evaluation for its impact on traffic safety.

The report includes results from 24 intersections with cameras in operation for at least one year, and two intersections with cameras in use for two years. At the 24 locations with cameras in use for one year, total rightangle crashes are down 15 percent from the previous year. At the two intersections with cameras in use for two years, right-angle crashes decreased 57 percent after one year with cameras, and 86 percent in the second year. Total citations issued after one year decreased 50% from month one to month 12, but decreased 85 percent from month one to month 24 at the locations with longer-running programs.









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8:00 AM JANUARY 16

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8:30 AM JANUARY 22

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Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden 6:00 PM JANUARY 22

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6:00 PM FEBRUARY 4

101ST ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

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8:45 AM FEBRUARY 7

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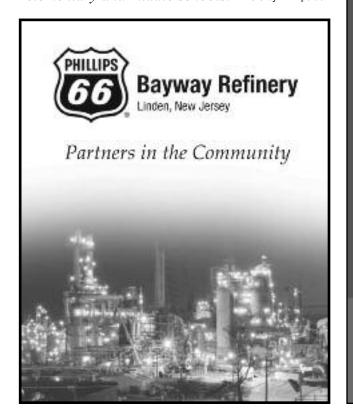
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(above, l-r) Adrienne Colicchio, Phillips 66
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(above, l-r) David Basile & Beata Ziobro of Metro Liquors of Linden offered wine tastings.

(above, l-r) Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka was on hand to welcome the Grand Re-Opening of Napoli Italian Bistro in November. New owner, Eddy Guerra, has rebranded the restaurant located at 523 North Wood Avenue in Linden, NJ.

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2012 ACTR RUSSIAN SCHOLAR LAUREATE AWARD



(above) Mrs. Bozena Szulc proudly stands with her student and 2012 ACTR Russian Scholar Laureate Award winner, Patrycja Suchocka.

The American Council of Teachers of Russian (ACTR) named Linden High School student, Patrycja Suchocka a 2012 Russian Scholar Laureate. She was one of 40 students throughout America receiving this Award. Her teacher of Russian, Mrs. Bozena Szulc nominated Patrycja due to her extraordinary achievements. She is a recipient of two gold medals (NJ Contest of Spoken Russian), as well as one silver medal (National Russian Essay Contest). Patrycja received a Letter of Commendation and a Certificate of Award from the American Council of Teachers of Russian. Her picture and personal information appeared in the fall newsletter of the ACTR. In addition, Mrs. Bozena Szulc proudly represents our school as a chairperson of the National Russian Essay Contest on the national and international levels.

FAST CAR DESIGNERS

Fifth grade students at School No. 8 were challenged to design and build a vehicle in twenty minutes or less that would travel at least 100cm.



(above, l-r) Miriam Apecechea and Kayla Guirguis as they proudly display the results of their experiment. Photo by Linden Public Schools





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LIBERTY SCIENCE CENTER VISITS SOEHL

The Liberty Science Center recently visited the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program at Soehl Middle School. A representative from the Liberty Science Center coordinated a "Science Sportacular" action packed assembly that explored and demonstrated several key concepts in physics through the use of demonstrations and examples taken directly from the playing field. Mass, Newton's Law, Spinning Bodies Distribution of Force were all topics that were discussed.



(above) Deasiah Paige (grade 6) and Luis Sanchez (grade 7) participate in a demonstration. Photo by Linden Public Schools

VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM CHAMPIONS

The Linden High School boys Varsity Basketball team won the Championship for the honors and Quadri Moore won the tournament holiday tournament.

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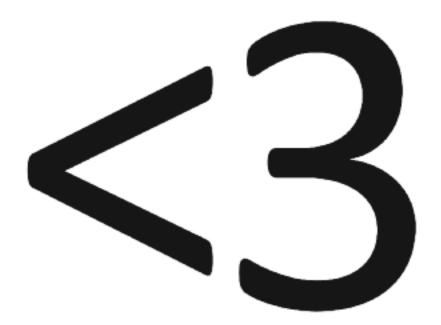
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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JUNIOR ROTC

2nd place overall at the Southold Drill Meet and coming up in May 2013. Well done!

The Linden High School NJROTC unit won secured a spot in the Area 4 competitions



(above) Photo by Linden NJROTC

(right) Photo by Linden Public Schools

KURT GRUNDER PROMOTED TO PETTY OFFICER 2ND CLASS

Linden High School Navy Junior ROTC Cadet Regimental Commander Milena Drozd promotes Kurt Grunder to the rank of Cadet Petty Officer 2nd Class! The LHS NJROTC unit is the largest in New Jersey and one of the biggest nationwide. It has been established at Linden High School for over 25 years.







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LEGION AUXILIARY HURRICANE RELIEF



(above) The American Legion Auxiliary and Post 102 of Linden held a spaghetti dinner to benefit the Tremely Point families devastated by Hurricane Sandy. A \$1,668 check was presented to Mayor Richard Gerbounka.

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AMERICAN LEGION AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Clark of Linden received a scholarship award from Linden's American Legion Post # 102. The award was presented by Ron Stefanowicz, Post # 102 Officer and Liaison to Linden HS ROTC. The American Legion award was presented to Cadet Clark for his outstanding scholastic and leadership achievements as a member of LHS ROTC.

Robert is a Linden High School Honor Roll student, participated all four years in ROTC program, in his senior year held the rank of Regimental executive officer. Robert's scholastic achievements include participating in the International Baculeautrte program, member of the National Honor Society and German National Honor Society.

During his four years in LHS, Robert lettered as a varsity wrestler and member of the baseball team, in his Senior year he served as captain of both teams.

Robert is a MIDN in the Marine Corps attending the Citadel College in South Carolina under a Marine Corp. Scholarship. Robert's dad is Robert Clark Sr. a member of Linden Fire Department and a Master Sergeant in the US Marine Corp reserve in Washington DC.



(pictured) Robert Clark of Linden receiving his scholarship award from Ron Stefanowicz of Linden's American Legion Post # 102.

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LINDEN ARTIST LEAVES LEGACY OF HISTORIC ART



Salvatore DeCesare

Salvatore DeCesare, of Linden, passed away on November 6, 2012. He will be remembered by history and art lovers, for Sal left behind a collection of original art that he created throughout the 88 years he lived.

Salvatore was drafted into WWII as an Army Field Medic. During his

time in the war he drew cartoons inspired by his surroundings . . . the war. He asked an Elizabeth librarian to accept delivery of any cartoon drawings he sent home from Europe. She agreed and she collected them and returned them to him upon his return to Elizabeth when the war was over.

During the war Salvatore created an "Invasion Diary", a book of drawings that he produced by illustrating stories of men he cared for who were wounded. They would dictate what they saw, felt and went through and Sal would then put his pen (or chalk) to paper. After his drawing was complete he would ask if what he drew was an accurate depiction of what they saw and went through. After approval from the participant he would have the soldier sign the drawing.

After the war he started assembling model ships and would construct entire battle scenes from the war. The battles would then be mounted and put under glass.

Sal DeCesare's true talent showed though his drawing. He continued to draw scenes of the war from memory, intent on being true to reality, adding to his already impressive collection. The art is a unique depiction of history and the war, full of feeling and emotion.

STUDENTS MEET LINDEN GRAD AND WNBA PLAYER

School No. 5 celebrated their PBSIS Kickoff with a special guest speaker, Ms. Tamika Dixon, a Linden High School graduate and the First African American to play in the Women's NBA. She motivated and encouraged the students to study hard and be respectful in order to accomplish their goals. Photo by Linden Public Schools

LINDEN RUNNER PLACES GRAND PRIX SERIES

Linden runner Gerald Velli, has won Third Place in the Men's 50-54 Division of the 2012 USA Track & Field-New Jersey Long Distance Running Mini 2 Grand Prix Series. This is Velli's second win in the Mini 2 Grand Prix Series - an event in which a runner must complete a series of seven qualifying 8K, 5M and 10K races, over the course of a year.





STUDENTS PERFORM WITH NJ REGION II CHORUS

Three of our very own Linden High School students will have the honor of performing with the New Jersey Region II Chorus on January 27, 2013. Marta Sliwa, Evan Cordero and Matthew Crawford auditioned with hundreds of other students from the area to secure their spots in this prestigious group. Evan and Matthew were selected to sing with the Mixed Chorus and Marta will be performing with the Women's Chorus. This is the second time Marta and Evan have made Regions and the first time for Matthew.



(above, l-r) Evan Cordero, Marta Sliwa and Matthew Crawford. Photo by Linden High School



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Union County College offers these to the employees of local businesses through a unique partnership of the New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), the New Jersey Community College Consortium, and the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

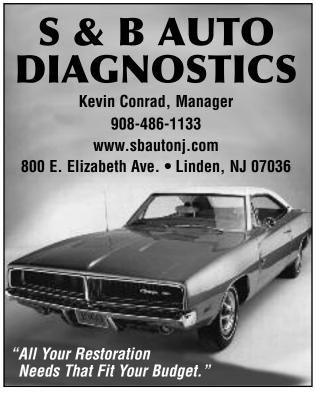
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