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Gold Star Mother of PFC Eugene

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A DAY OF REMEMBERING AND HONORING FALLEN HEROES

By Ron Stefanowicz, Commander Linden Veterans Council

The City of Linden and its veterans organizations celebrated Memorial Day by honoring the memory of the fallen heroes throughout our nation's history "who gave the last full measure of devotion" to their nation. Mere words cannot capture the enormity of their sacrifice or the anguish of loved ones they left behind.

On Memorial Day, the over 150 Memorial Day participants of city officials, veterans organizations, their auxiliaries and residents visited all of the 15 City of Linden monuments. We honored all of our local heroes who gave the full measure of their life in service of their country. This year a special honor was held at the City Hall of Linden Vietnam Veterans Monument.

The City of Linden and its veterans organizations honored a local hero Eugene Law USMC who gave a full measure of his life in service of his country, also honored was his mother, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Paul a Gold Star Mother. Members of the family in attendance included his sisters, aunts, uncles, nephew, niece, and many friends of the family.

The memorial service commenced with Mrs. Paul unveiling the newly added name plate of PFC Law, followed by Mayor Gerbounka presenting the Flag of the United States which is the symbol of honor given to the loved one left behind. The program continued with the Veterans Honoring Ceremony, which consists of placing of flags and a wreath at the monument, followed by military prayer, the Honor Guard firing a fallen hero's volley salute and playing Taps.

The Memorial Day participants ended the monument visiting services with lunch hosted by Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 669, and prepared by Linden American Legion, Ladies Auxiliary.

The Memorial Day celebration concluded with an honor to those who serve today, and for their families and loved ones, as they endure the hardship and uncertainty of deployment.

We thank all those people responsible for making the honoring of PFC Law possible. Mayor Gerbounka for questioning the missing name on Linden's Vietnam monument, Carl Pereira, Commander Vietnam Veterans who worked on the monument plaque, and a special thanks to all the Linden veteran organizations who's financial support made the name addition to our Vietnam monument possible. And special thanks to the Life in Linden Paper, publishers



PFC Law

event can be found on page 15. Tina and Joe Renna who are true patriots in supporting all veteran activities published in their paper, and to Villani Bus Company for their unyielding support of veteran organizations.

The Memorial Day monument visiting participants: American Legion, Post # 102, Members, SAL Honor Guard and Ladies auxiliary Catholic War Vets Post #447, Linden Marine League, Martin Danoski Detachment, Post # 91, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 779 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post # 1397, members and Ladies Auxiliary, LHS ROTC Color Guard, Mayor Gerbounka, Police Chief Schulhafer, Chuck Leonard DJ and Veteran Photographer, Dee and Linda Villani, The Villani Patriotic Bus, Mrs. MaryAnn Dorin, Councilman Sheehy and many other Linden residents in attendance.



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LINDEN TEACHER DANIE ORELIEN-ARMSTEAD RECEIVES AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Submitted by Councilman Derek Armstead

Congratulations to Linden school teacher Danie Orelien-Armstead on her Award of Excellence from the Rutgers University Organization HARU (Haitian Association of Rutgers University) for outstanding vision, dedication to education and commitment to her students and community.

Danie Orelien-Armstead is a graduate of Rutgers University and past member of HARU. She holds two Masters Degrees in Instruction and Curriculum and Educational Leadership from Kean University. She is an educator and teaches ESL and French in the Linden Public School System. In October of 2011, she was selected to serve on the Union County Professional Development Board. A professional board that is charged with the responsibility of evaluation of the Union County school districts' improvement plan.

She currently resides in Linden, NJ with her family. She is married to Councilman Derek Armstead and have 4 children: Brianna, age 15; twin boys Ryan and Ashton, age 7; and Abigail, age 6.

Danie Orelien-Armstead can be described as a teacher, counselor, and community liaison between parents, students, and schools. As a community leader, she has worked for the New Jersey Immigration and Policy Network where she organized workshops to educate families in the Haitian community about their rights under the law: Section: 6A:15-1.1 The New Jersey Bilingual Education Code.

Mrs. Orelien-Armstead is the co-founder and vice-president of "Citizens for a Better Linden". A community based organization whose mission is to provide educational services and assistance to families and individuals in order to improve the quality of life of the residents of Linden.

She is also the secretary and co-founder of the Haitian Alliance Relief Fund, which assisted in the immediate and continuous efforts of rebuilding Haiti.



(above, l-r) Linden Councilman Derek Armstead and his wife Danie Orelien-Armstead.

Mrs. Armstead believes that education is the most powerful tool we can use to change the world. Each year she and her husband provide a scholarship for two students from Linden High School. She sums up the dedication that she has to her students and to the teaching profession with the following statement, "I can honestly say that I have the best job on earth...It is truly a blessing to have found one's passion and true calling in life."

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6:00 PM **JUNE 11**

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood 07027 (reservations required)

8:30 AM **JUNE 12**

KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

Kenilworth Public Library, 543 Boulevard, Kenilworth Hosted by Robin Koerner

5:30 PM **JUNE 13**

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JUNE 14

LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Borough Hall, 210 Chestnut Street, Roselle Hosted by Mayor Jamel C. Holley

JUNE 18

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION NETWORKING

Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark

8:00 AM **JUNE 19**

EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

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JUNE 25 8:30 AM

LINDEN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Dragonfly Restaurant, 661 West Edgar Rd, Linden Hosted by Maureen Stanul

JUNE 26 8:30 AM

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"Hard work pays off" says Mrs. Danie Orelien-Armstead. After completing the

McManus Middle School French teacher, culinary unit, eighth grade French students enjoyed a healthy lunch and a wonderful cheese presentation at Cheese....Please.

> Special thank you to Maria Puopolo Tisdall Goncalves, Jackeline Agudelo, Maria Ferraz, Aleksandra Scieszka, Andrew Abraham, Vanessa Arce, Aneela Rampersad, Kristina Polakova. Photo by McManus Middle School



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LINDEN TEACHERS HONORED AT SOMERSET PATRIOT'S GAME



(above) Linden Teachers of the Year were honored at the Somerset Patriots Game on Wednesday, May 15, 2013. Vivian Pupo (School 9), Gregory Stier (LHS) and Kathy Burke (School 9) pose with former NY Yankee and current Somerset Patriots coach, Sparky Lyle Photo by Linden Public Schools

GET INVOLVED WITH KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Linden will hold five meetings in June:

June 6th – Luncheon at the Southern Smokehouse at 12:15 pm

- our annual raffle to raise money for scholarships.

June 12th – Luncheon with the K Kids at School # 2

June 13th – Luncheon with the Linden High School scholarship recipients at the Southern Smokehouse at 12:30 pm

June 27th – Board meeting at Bella Gina's at 12:00 pm

For information about membership and/or attending Linden Kiwanis Club luncheon meetings, contact Kiwanian June Lazaro, at Primerica, by calling (908) 687-9008

LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER MONICA GONCALVES HONORED

On Monday May 6, 2013, Det. Lt. Keith Aslin of the Linden Police Department's Juvenile Bureau presented Monica Goncalves, a Linden High School teacher, with the Union County Human Relations Commission Unity Award for Achievement by an Educator, in recognition for her openly seeking and encouraging enlightenment for her students - which continue to make a difference and change our world.

For the past four years Monica Goncalves has worked with Det. Lt. Keith Aslin, Dr. Paula Rodriguez Rust, a diversity educator and Karen Positan of the Union County Prosecutor's Office

to design and pilot a bias/prejudice reduction program in Linden, with the goal of creating a model that the Union County Human Relations Commission can roll out to other Union County Schools.

1st Sgt. Michael Philibert, a retired N.J.R.O.T.C instructor for Linden High School, received the Unity Award for Achievement by a war veteran. 1st Sgt. Philibert was an inspiration and role model for Linden students for 14 years after his decorated years of dedicated service to our country while serving in the United States Marine Corp.



(above, l-r) Peter McTiernan, LHS-UCHRC Commissioner; 1st Sgt. Michael Philibert USMC (ret.) LHS award winner; Juanita O'Neil LHS; Antoinette Modrak, LHS Principal,; Joanne Hamilton, LHS-UCHRC Commissioner; Monica Goncalves, Award Winner LHS Teacher, Det. Lt. Keith Aslin-UCHRC Commissioner; Linden Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka; and Dr. Danny Robertozzi, Linden Superintendent of Schools.



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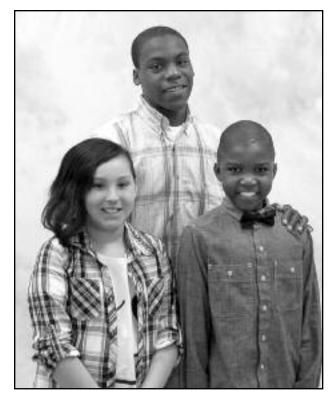
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LINDEN STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MUSIC AND DANCE

The New Jersey Music and Dance Company recently announced recipients of the 2013 Scholarships to the Summer Theater and Dance Workshop Camp. Linden students received several scholarships including eighth grader Rah'son McCall, third grader Cynthia Tomas, second grader Carvens Jean Baptiste and fifth grader Karen Ralda. Children ages 6 – 16 from all over Union County participated in the open auditions that were held in March. During the full day camp which runs from July 1- August 2, these students will participate in various aspects of the performing arts including acting, dancing,

(left, l-r) Cynthia Tomas, Ra'shon McCall and Carvens Jean Baptiste (Karen Ralda, not pictured) singing, media and broadcasting, experience performances by professionals in the entertainment field and take part in a final performance that will be viewed by managers, talent agents and producers.

NJ Music and Dance Company is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2002 to promote the arts and talent development through performances, events and education. This is the third year that the Company has awarded scholarships to the summer camp. This year they awarded over \$4500.00 in scholarships. New Jersey Music and Dance Company is located at the New Jersey Center for Media Arts, 1203 W. St. Georges Avenue in Linden. For more information about the scholarships, please visit www.njmdc.org or call 908-587-2787.

MYSTIC VISION PLAYERS PRESENTS THE SHOW THAT STARTED IT ALL FOR ONE OF LINDEN'S BROADWAY STARS, JON RUA

In The Heights, winner of four 2008 Tony Awards® and the 2008 Grammy® Award for Best Musical Show Album, is coming to Linden for the first time this summer, but this town's connection has much deeper roots. Jon Rua, who recently originated the role of "Jesus Pena" on Broadway in Hands On A Hardbody, graduated from Linden High School in 2001 and went on to appear in the ensemble of the premiere off-Broadway production of In The Heights. He also starred in the Broadway run's closing months with turns as "Sonny," "Graffiti Pete" and "Usnavi," the starring role made famous by the show's creator Lin-Manuel Miranda.

Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda & Quiara Alegría Hudes, directed by Howard M. Whitmore with choreography by Melanie Jefferson and music direction by Carl Phillips, For tickets call 908.486.4144

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About the Play

In the Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood — a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind.

About Our Cast

With a multi-ethnic cast of 26 ranging from their teens into their 40's, this production represents a variety of cultures and outlooks on life just as In The Heights shows us the diversity of this small Hispanic community.

Alicia Cordero, a resident of Linden who has grown up as a part of Mystic Vision Players since 1998, plays the leading role of 'Nina

Rosario.' When she first her about In The Heights' original Broadway run, Alicia thought "the idea of a show so focused on a very specific neighborhood and using the music of that population was so different and interesting." Growing up half-Latina herself, give Alicia a special outlook on her character. "Her struggle to figure out how to tell her parents that she hasn't lived up to their expectations and her not knowing where she belonged in this community anymore when she returned felt honest and real to me due to my own experiences."

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Classes will take place at the JTG Recreation Center. Cost of the program is \$46.00. Registration deadline is June 17th. You can pay by check, money order, credit card or cash.

SUMMER ZUMBA

Classes will be held Thursday evenings, starting June 20th and continuing through August 29th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the JTG Recreation Center.

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Cost for the program is \$46.00 per participant. There is a class minimum requirement of 10 participants. Registration deadline is June 19.

SUMMER ART'S & CRAFT'S

Senior Citizen Craft Classes will be held every Wednesday, starting July 10th through August 21st from 10:00am -12:00 noon at the JTG Recreation Center. Call soon to register, as the class size is limited.

SUMMER BINGO

Senior Citizen Summer Bingo will be held every Wednesday, July 10th through August 21st from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the JTG Recreation Center. Come join us any Wednesday!



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LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL LAW DAY

Linden High School held its Annual Law Day in April, where employees from municipal government are invited to meet with high school

students and explain career opportunities for them in the future. The government employees also explain their daily work environment and

discuss their day-to-day duties. Members of the military branches are also invited to attend to talk to the students.



(above) One of the highlights of Linden High School's Annual Law Day was the Linden Police Department's SWAT Team. Officers brought the gear they use in operations, and allowed students to try them on for themselves. Students learned about their training and important role in the security of the city.



(above) At Linden High School's Annual Law Day, representatives from the Linden Fire Department talk with students and explain their day-to-day duties and responsibilities.



(above) A member of our armed forces explains how to use a piece of military equipment.

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(above, l-r) Monica Goncalves, Mock Trial Coach, Mwakulomba Juma, Mock Trial Team Officer; Municipal Court Judge of Linden, Daniel Roberts; Gebraeila Elias, Mock Trial Team Officer; David M. Walker, Mock Trial Coach; and Danny A. Robertozzi, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools. Both Judge Roberts and Dr. Robertozzi spoke to students regarding the importance of setting high expectations, and encouraged students to pursue careers in the law and government.

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CHRISTOPHER LUKENDA NAMED 2013 MARSHAL OF THE LINDEN CONTINGENT FOR THE PULASKI DAY PARADE

The General Pulaski Parade Committee of Linden. He is married to his wife of 24-years, Linden proudly announces the selection of Christopher Lukenda as Linden's 2013 Marshal for the Pulaski Parade which will be held in New York City on October 6, 2013. Each year the organization selects an outstanding person of Polish heritage from the city to lead the contingent in the tri state parade in New York City. Marshals are selected based on their dedication to serving the City of Linden and preserving Polish pride.

"I am honored to represent the City of Linden, New Jersey Pulaski Day Parade contingent and will represent them with true Polish pride", Lukenda said.

Lukenda, is the son of the late Walter and Laura (Matlosz) Lukenda. Born and raised in Linden, Christopher has lived his entire life in

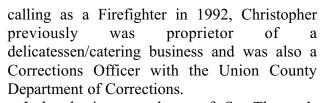
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Sue (Praschak) Lukenda and is father to Samantha (Miss Polonia 2007), and Tiffany (Jr. Miss Polonia 2007). Christopher is the youngest of seven siblings who include: Captain Larry Lukenda, Dr. Richard Lukenda, Dr. Michael Lukenda, Dr. Elaine Lukenda, Sr. Michelle Lukenda and Dr. Kevin Lukenda.

Lukenda has been a Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician with the Linden Fire Department for over twenty years, and is the State Secretary for the New Jersey State Firefighter's Mutual Benevolent Association (NJFMBA), the largest Firefighter Labor Organization in the state. He is also Chairman of the NJFMBA Valor Awards Committee and is currently President of the Linden Firefighter's Union FMBA Local 34. Before receiving his

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Lukenda is a graduate of St. Theresa's Grammar School and Roselle Catholic High School and attended Union County College. Christopher is also an avid cook with culinary expertise. Besides the traditional Polish cuisine that has been passed down from his mother, such as golomki and pierogi, he also enjoys cooking an array of ethnic classics and soon aspires to go back to the restaurant industry, which he enjoys very much.

cooking, Christopher loves Besides entertaining and developing projects around the house in his spare time. He is an avid dog lover with two golden retrievers. Time together with his family is something that is cherished and made a priority, no matter how busy a week. "There is a great importance of gathering the family around the dinner table a few times a week; that brings everyone closer together."

Accompanying Mr. Lukenda down Fifth Avenue in New York as the 2013 Miss Polonias will be Kellianne Domenico, a junior at William Paterson University, and Julia Daria Wyrzuc, a senior at Linden High School. Karolina Kepa and Marika Ficner have been selected as the 2013 Junior Miss Polonias. Both girls are in the fifth grade and attend School 6 in Linden.

The General Pulaski Parade Committee is dedicated to preserving the memory of American patriot generals Casmir Pulaski and Thaddeus Kosciuszko who fought for American freedom during the Revolutionary War.



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(above) Linden's Vietnam Veterans Monument

(right) The City of Linden and its veterans organizations honored a local hero Eugene Law USMC who gave a full measure of his life in service of his country, also honored was his mother, Mrs. Johnnie Mae Paul a Gold Star Mother. Members of the family in attendance included his sisters, aunts, uncles, nephew, niece, and many friends of the family.

(below) The Villani Patriotic Bus

PFC LAW MEMORIAL PLAQUE DEDICATION

This year's Memorial Day celebrations included a special honor held at the Linden Vietnam Veterans Monument located in front of City Hall. Eugene Law's name was added to the monument. Law died in Vietnam while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Law was a graduate of Roselle High School class of 1967, however his family moved to Dewitt Terrace in Linden a week before he graduated. Confusion lingered as to whether or not he was a Linden resident when he was killed in action in January 1968.

His mother, Johnnie Mae Paul, a Gold Star Mother, never gave up hope that her son would be honored by the Linden community, along with the other soldiers who gave their lives in service to their country during the Vietnam War.







(above) Over 150 Memorial Day participants visited all of the 15 City of Linden veterans monuments. All Linden heroes who gave the full measure of their life in service of their country were honored.





On May 22, 2013, the youth explorers of Law Explorer Post 629 celebrated their first official Charter year with an Awards Assembly & Induction Ceremony in the Linden Municipal Courtroom in a ceremony presided over by the Hon. Judge Daniel Robert, M.C.J.

Explorer Garrett Angulo, Vice President for Administration, provided a brief recap of their past Exploring year including their visit to the United States Citizen & Immigration Services where they were special guests at a Naturalization Ceremony, their attendance at council meetings, visit to Union County Police Headquarters, participation in Scout in Government Day, and their camping and canoeing experiences.

The youth Officers, Justin Valentin, Garrett Angulo, Mwakulomba Juma and Gebraeila Elias were recognized for their commitment and dedication to the Law Explorer Post with a One year Star representing



their one-year of being in the Post 629 since its inception in March 2012. Justin Valentin, Post President, also received an Achievement Award for Leadership Excellence. An Achievement Award for Exceptional Contributions was awarded to Andrew X. Maldonado, Audio/Visual Tech., for his efforts and dedication in editing over 30 hours of video, assistance in interviewing students and creating the 30-minute video which was presented at Law Post 629's community event entitled, "What can be done to Prevent School Shootings" on April 4, 2013 at St. Mary and Elizabeth Academy. The Law Post's highest distinction, the Explorer of the Year Award, went to Jessica Julien, Assistant Secretary, who was recognized for her dependability, work ethic, and willingness to learn and improve on all tasks assigned her.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Hon. Judge Roberts called up all the Explorers and swore them into the offices and responsibilities they will hold for the next year and inducted them accordingly. A reception followed at the Linden Free Public Library. Law Post 629 thanks Hon. Judge Roberts, the Linden Municipal Court staff, and the Linden Free Public Library Staff for their part in making this ceremony and one year anniversary a memorable one.

Law Explorer Post 629 is chartered by the Law Offices of Lucia E. Perpina, Esq., LLC in Linden, New Jersey. The Law Post recruits on an ongoing basis year-round and is open to youth in Union County, ages 14-20, who are interested in exploring Law and Government. A Junior Law Post is also being created for youth ages 11-13.

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(left) Post members at Liberty. (below) Being sworn in by Judge Roberts.







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RESIDENT HONORED AT YWCA WOMEN AND INDUSTRY AWARDS DINNER

Linden resident Lois I. Bass and Rahway resident Deanna McMahon were among 44 women who were honored at the 34th Annual Tribute to Women and Industry Awards Dinner, sponsored jointly this year by the YWCA Eastern Union County and the YWCA of Central New Jersey at the Hanover Marriott Hotel on May 13th. Ms. Bass is Community Relations Coordinator at Infineum USA L.P., located in Linden, NJ. Ms. McMahon is Mechanical Planner at Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, located in Linden, NJ. Deanna was nominated for this special honor by Mary Phillips at Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery.

Ms. Bass joined the company in 1999 as an Administrative Assistant and was quickly promoted to Community Relations Coordinator in 2008. In this role she manages all of the internal and external community outreach activities and serves as an Ambassador for Infineum. She leads the Community Advisory Panel for the Bayway Complex CAP, coordinates the Junior Achievement Program for

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colleagues and is a member of the North Board for Junior Achievement of New Jersey. She provides professional support to the manufacturing units in the Bayway Chemical Plant and in addition, serves as an Administrator for the plant's Operational Integrity Management System. She participates in extensive volunteer activities within the community and was named "Lady of the Year" by the Ladies Auxiliary – Linden Knights of Columbus in 2012. She attended Union County College, earning an AS in Business Management.

Ms. McMahon is responsible for planning of maintenance and construction work in the largest business team within the refinery. Deanna's role is very challenging, and requires her to be focused on maintaining a safe work place, while developing very detailed repair strategies and plans that keep our plant running reliably. Deanna is innovative and passionate -- she achieves results. She was heroic in responding to Superstorm Sandy.

The YWCA of Central New Jersey and the YWCA Eastern Union County's joint Tribute to Women & Industry (TWIN) Award is a nationally-recognized honor for women. Since creating the TWIN award 34 years ago, the YWCA has honored women in executive, managerial, and other professional roles who have made significant contributions in their fields. This important award recognizes successful women executives for their outstanding achievements and honors those companies that have provided opportunities for women to achieve their potential.

The TWIN Program also supports the Center for Career Options at the YWCA of Central New Jersey, which provides lifespan career services for women, men and teens through individual and group counseling, workshops, seminars and career development programs. It also benefits the YWCA Eastern Union County's programs

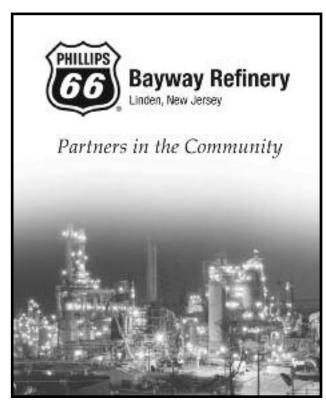




(above, l-r) Deanna McMahon and Lois I. Bass

for abused women, such as emergency shelters. Its TWIN Management Forum (TMF) is a network of TWIN honorees that meets regularly to take part in a variety of programs on career and personal development. TMF attracts diverse and talented members who experience personal and professional enrichment through its networking programs. In addition, this group provides an opportunity to help other women achieve their educational and career goals through the TMF Scholarship Fund.

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and Infineum USA L.P., long-time supporters of TWIN, have made generous donations as co-sponsors of this year's dinner. Mary Phillips, Community Relations Coordinator of Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery and Joan Evans, Global Industry Liaisons Manager for Infineum USA L.P. served as co-Chairs of the TWIN Gala this year. They were assisted by a cadre of dedicated volunteers from companies throughout the state, including Novartis, PSEG, DSM NA, Wakefern Food Corp. ExxonMobil Research & Engineering, Johnson & Johnson Family of Consumer Companies and many others. For more information on the TWIN Awards Dinner, contact Bonnie Sirower, TWIN 2012 Coordinator at (201) 446-1814 or visit the website at www.YWCA-MidJersey-TWIN.org.





STUDENTS VISIT D.C. HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

McManus and Soehl middle School students from Mrs. Celena Spencer's and Ms. Edith Duckett's ESL classes had the opportunity to take a trip to Washington D.C. to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Students had been covering themes such as "Conflict", "Meeting Challenges", "Points of View" and "The Human Spirit," which included learning on the Holocaust. Ms. Duckett's students, along with Mr. Michael D'Amato's Honors History students, also had a follow up trip to the College of Saint Elizabeth to hear the story of a survivor of the Rwanda Genocide where students were challenged to learn from the lessons and mistakes of the past in order to have a lasting social impact and act collectively in the face of similar issues and challenges which still exist Photo by Linden Public Schools





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JAMES FERRETTI AND RYAN BERTANI HONORED **FOR GERMAN STUDIES**





(above, l-r) ames Ferretti and Ryan Bertani

Photo by Linden High School

The Steuben Society of America recently recognized Linden High School senior, James Ferretti, for excellence in the study of the German language. The Steuben Society seeks to maintain an awareness of the contributions of German immigrants, and to promote the study of the German language and culture. James is the first recipient of this award at L.H.S. and is currently enrolled in German V Honors. He has studied German since the seventh grade, is a member of the German National Honor Society, participated in his school's exchange program with Germany, The German American Partnership Program, and has been a member of his school's German Club for the past four years. James will be studying engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology in the fall.

Ryan Bertani received the American Association of Teachers of German AATG Outstanding High School Senior in German Award. Ryan is a student of Mary Turbett at Linden High School. Ryan was selected for excellent academic achievement, demonstrated exceptional commitment to the study of German and participation in extracurricular activities related to German.



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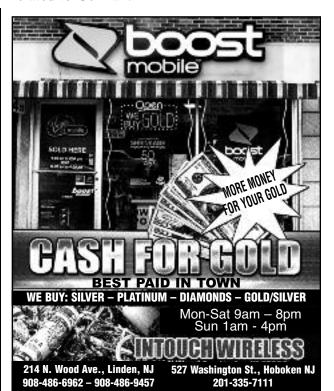
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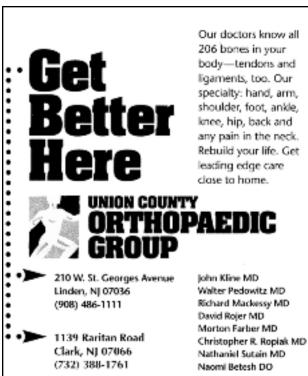


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LINDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT MOTOR UNIT

The Linden Police Department Motor Unit who recently detailed four Motor Officers, Sgt. Michael Babulski, Investigator Peter Hammer, Investigator Mark Kahana and Officer Ian Conk to Shelton Connecticut.

These four Officers used LPD motorcycles and volunteered their time to participate in a benefit ride for victims of the shooting tragedy at the Sandy Hook School in Newtown, C.T.

The Linden Police Department Motor Unit was established in 2005 under a donation that was received from an Linden resident who had passed away. In March 2013, the Linden Police Department purchased two 2013 Harley-Davidson Electra-glide motorcycles with grant funding. The bikes were ordered ready for the road and didn't cost the City of Linden a dime.

The Officers rode to Shelton, C.T., on Saturday May 4th. Upon their arrival they were greeted by the residents of Newtown and the surrounding areas. The officers met with involved families and took pictures with anyone

wished including volunteer departments and sponsors of the event.

Sgt. Michael Babulski stated, "This was the most emotional event I have ever taken part in. I am grateful to the Linden Police Department for sending me to this event. I am also honored to be invited to take part in such a special event."

To learn more about the event visit the LPD and Green Ribbon Ride's facebook pages at: facebook.com/LindenPoliceDepartment and /SandyHookFireGreenRibbonRide

The LPD Motor Unit will also be sending four Officers to participate in the largest charity ride on the east coast, Americas 911 Foundation in August. The ride travels from Shanksville, P.A. to the Pentagon then to Ground Zero.

"I am extremely happy that we were able to purchase these motors at no cost to the City of Linden. I am even more proud to send my Officers to participate in such a special event as the Green Ribbon Ride," said Chief James Schulhafer.

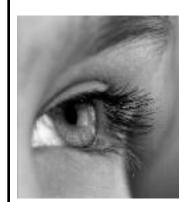


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(above, l-r) Students sitting in the oversized Adirondack chair: Meisha Burnam, grade 7; Jayden Cintron, grade 7; Jeylin McClary, grade 7; Jevens Augustin, grade 8; and Alexander Tellez grade 7.

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AUTHOR VISIT "THE POWER TO EXCEL"

Author Azuka Zuke will speak at the Linden Public Library about his book, "The Power to Excel: Reaching For Your Best," on Saturday, June 29th, at 2:00 pm. This book enhances, motivates, and empowers you to succeed. Readers will find motivation, strength and inspiration and will learn how to use innate resources to achieve success. Please join us for a discussion and book signing.

AUTHOR VISIT "STUGGLES"

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ADULT SUMMER READING CLUB

The Linden Public Library will once again hold its Adult Summer Reading Club. The program is open to adult and young adult Linden Library card holders, and will run from June 24th through August 3rd, and there will be weekly prizes donated by the Friends of the Linden Library.

PROGRAM TO DISCUSS HEARING LOSS

On June 18th at 2:00 pm, Virginia Toth, Manager of Audiology at the JFK Johnson Rehabilitation Institute, will offer a talk at the Linden Public Library that will begin with an overview of hearing loss, including the causes of hearing loss, as well as the impact hearing loss has on social and emotional wellbeing. She will then discuss how new digital hearing aid technology changes people's lives. And lastly, they will touch on the five things to consider when purchasing a hearing aid.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Linden Public Library will host a blood drive on Wednesday, June 26th, 2013, from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room. The library is located at 31 E. Henry Street, Linden, NJ 07036. For questions about eligibility, please call 1-800-NJBLOOD.





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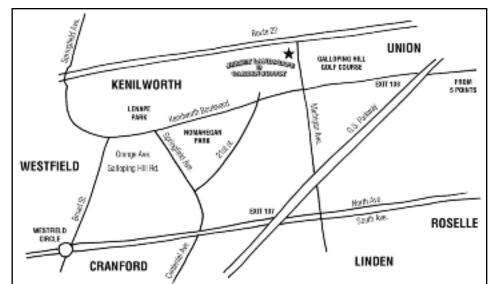
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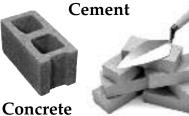
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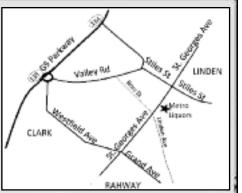


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Buchanan's 12yrs old	750ml	\$26.99	Courvoisier V.S			Carolans Irish Cream		
Bushmill's Irish			E & J V.S. Brandy			Carolans Irish Cream		
Canadian Club			E & J V.S. Brandy	1.75L	\$20.99	Kahlua		
Canadian Mist			E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy			Kahlua		
Chivas Regal			E & J V.S.O.P. Brandy			Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Chivas Regal			Hennessy V.S.			Licor 43	750ml	\$19.99
Chivas Regal 18 yrs old			Hennessy V.S.			Licor 43		
Clan Macgregor			Leroux Blackberry	750ml	\$11.99	Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Clan Macgregor			Leroux Blackberry			Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$39.99
Crown Royal			Paul Masson Amber			Southern Comfort		
Crown Royal			Paul Masson Amber			Southern Comfort	1.75L	\$26.99
Cutty Sark			Remy Martin 1738					•
Dewars 12yrs old			Remy Martin V.S.O.P.			RU		
Dewars 12yrs old	1.75L	\$49.99	Remy Martin V.S.O.P.			Bacardi Light & Gold		
Dewars White Label			•			Bacardi Light & Gold		
Dewars White Label				DKA		Captain Morgan Spice		
Famous Grouse			Absolut			Malibu		
Famous Grouse			Absolut			Malibu	1.75L	\$24.99
Gentleman Jack			Belvedere Vodka			TEQ	ша	
Gentleman Jack			Belvedere Vodka			1800 (all types)		\$20.00
Glenfiddich 12 yrs old			Ciroc (all types)			Avion Silver		
Glenlivet 12yrs old	750 ml	\$36.99	Ciroc (all types)			El Jimador Reposado		
Glenlivet 12yrs old			Finlandia					
Grants			Finlandia			El Jimador Reposado		
Grants			Fris			Jose CuervoJose Cuervo		
Jack Daniels	750ml	\$22.99	Grey Goose)					•
Jack Daniels			Grey Goose (all types)			Patron Silver		
Jameson	750ml	\$26.99	Ketel One	750ml	\$26.99	Patron Silver	1./3L	\$79.99
Jameson	1.75L	\$48.99	Ketel One			BE	ER	
Jim Beam Whisky			Majorska	750ml	\$ 8.99	Becks (12oz) 24pk		\$21.99
Johhnie Walker Blue	750ml	\$174.99	Majorska			Budweiser Family cans		
Johhnie Walker Blue	1.75L	\$399.99	Pinnacle (all types)			Budweiser loose bottle		\$16.99
John Barr red	1.75L	\$19.99	Pinnacle (all types)			Coors Lite (24oz) can		
Johnnie Walker Black	750ml	\$32.99	Skyy			Coors Lite can/Miller Lite can		
Johnnie Walker Black			Smirnoff Vodka 80 proof			Coors Lite loose bottles		\$16.99
Johnnie Walker Double Black			Smirnoff Vodka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99	Corona/Corona Lite loose		
Johnnie Walker Gold	750ml	\$84.99	Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99	Dab (160z) cans	24pk	\$20.99
Johnnie Walker Gold			Sobieski			Famosa Lager cans		+
Johnnie Walker Red			Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.99	Guinness Pub cans (14.9oz)		
Johnnie Walker Red			Soplica			Heineken/Heineken Lite		•
Knob Creek 9 yrs old			Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$31.99	Lech (500ml)		
Macallan 12yrs old			Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99	Pilsner Urquell		
Makers Mark	750ml	\$25.99	Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.99	Sagres Beer		
Makers Mark			Tanqueray Sterling			Sam Adams Lager		
Old Smuggler			Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$30.99	Stella Artois bottles		
Seagram V.O			Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$22.99	Super Bock		
Seagrams 7			Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$26.99	Tecate cans		•
•		•	Traveler's Vodka			Tyskie (500ml)		
GI						Warka Radler (500ml) cans		
Beefeater		•	" 0 11	0 5	••	Yuengling Lager cans and bottle		
Bombay Saphire			"Cold or warm B	eer = Same Price	2"	Zywiec (11.2oz)		
Seagram's gin			"Visit the store for m	ore In-Store Store	ials!"	-j-1100 (11.202)	2-трк	ф19.99
Tanqueray	1.75L	\$37.99	Total the store joi in	ore the otore open	******			



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Andre All Types	750ml \$ 5.49	Lindemans (All Types)		
Apothic Red	750ml \$ 9.99	Louis Jadot Beaujolais		-
Barefoot All Types	1.5L \$10.99	Louis Jadot Beaujolais Villages	750ml	\$ 9.95
Bartenura Moscato	750ml \$10.99	Louis Jadot Pouilly Fuisse	750ml	\$19.99
Beringer White Zinfandel	750ml \$ 4.99	Luna di Luna (All Types)	1.5L	\$13.9 9
Beringer White Zinfandel	1.5L \$ 8.99	Mark West Pinot Noir	750ml	\$ 9.99
Black Box (AllTypes)	3L \$21.99	Mark West Pinot Noir		
Blackstone (AllTypes)	750ml 7.99	Martini & Rossi Asti		
Blackstone (AllTypes)	1.5L \$14.99	Martini & Rossi Asti		
Bogle Chardonnay	750ml \$ 8.99	Menage a Trois Red and Rose	750ml	\$ 9.95
Bolla	1.5L \$12.99	Mezzacorona Pinot Grigio		
Campo Viejo Rioja		Mi Amore Red	750ml	\$ 9.99
Carlo Rossi (Chablis, Burgundy, Sangria, Blush)	4L	Moet Imperial Champagne		
Casal Garcia Vinho Verde		Nando Asti	750ml	\$ 8.99
Cavit (All Types)	1.5L \$13.99	Nando Asti	1.5L	\$15.99
Chateau ste Michelle Columbia Valley Cabernet and Mo		Noble Wine 337, 181, 667	750ml	\$10.99
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Chardonnay		Papi (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.95
Chateau Ste. Michelle Columbia Valley Riesling		Ravenswood (All Types)	750ml	\$ 8.99
Che Gaucho (All Types)		Real Sangria	1.5L	\$10.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay		Rex Goliath (All Types)	1.5L	\$ 9.99
Clos du Bois Chardonnay	<u>=</u>	RM Private Select		
Clos du Bois Cabernet, Merlot	•	RM Private Select	1.5L	\$18.99
Cockburns Ruby and Tawny Porto		Rodney Strong Sonoma Cabernet & Merlot	750ml	\$13.95
Concha Y Toro Frontera		Rodney Strong Sonoma Chardonnay	750ml	\$10.99
Coppola Diamond Cabernet Sav, Merlot	•	Ruffino Chianti		
Coppola Diamond Chardonnay		Ruffino Chianti	1.5 L	\$13.99
Corbett Canyon (AllTypes)		Ruffino Pinot Grigio	1.5L	\$12.99
Cupcake (all types)		Ruffino Chianti Gold	750ml	\$27.99
Don Perignon		Ruffino tan label	750ml	\$19.99
Dreaming Tree (All Types)		Santa Margerita Pinot Grigio	750ml	\$19.99
Eco Domani (Pinot Grigio)		Senor Sangria (All Types)		
Estancia (Pinot Noir)	-	Simi Chardonnay		
Fish Eye (All Types)		Sonoma Cutrer Chardonnay	750ml	\$19.99
Flip Flop (All Types)		Sutter Home Moscato/White Zinf		
Franzia (Crisp White, Blush, Sangria, Chilable red)	-	Verdi (All Flavors)		
Freixenet	<u>=</u>	Verdi (All Flavors)		· =
Gato Negro (AllTypes)	:	Woodbridge (All Types)		=
Gazela Vinho Verde		Yago Sangria		=
Hess Select Chardonnay		Yellow Tail (All Types)		· =
J. Lohr Cabernet and Merlot		Zonin Pinot Grigio		
Kendall Jackson Vintners Chardonnay	:	Zonin Prosecco		
Korbel (All Types except Natural and Organic)				+ 0.00



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At the Senior Center
Tired of sitting around? Do you want to meet
new friends? How about joining our Senior
Citizen Center located at 330 Helen Street,
Linden!

For the summer we offer Senior Citizen Craft Classes. They are held Wednesday mornings, 10:00am-12:00pm. No experience is necessary and we guarantee lots of smiles and laughter. Feel free to join us any Wednesday morning.

How about joining us for lunch after that? Right upstairs we serve a delicious and nutritious lunch at our café, Monday through Friday at noon for only \$1.75 donation. All you need to do is call our Center and speak with Nate between 9:00am and 11:00am the day before you'd like to join us for lunch.

Do you like to read? Why not check out a novel from our library! Read it here in the comfort of our air conditioned Center or take it home with you for as long as you like!

How about volunteering? We're always looking for a free helping hand. Our lunch team consists of volunteers. Maybe you have a talent of your own you'd like to share or teach us! We are open to new ideas and programs!

We offer a lot more here at our Senior Center from 8:30am-4:30pm daily: wood shop, wood carving, pinochle, ceramics, knitting, crocheting, program-du-jour, assistance with senior social services and a fully-equipped exercise room. It is recommended, however, that anyone using the exercise equipment check with their physician and wear the proper clothing (sneakers, loose clothing, etc.).

Our senior and social clubs and trips will start up again in September. Stop in and pick up a newsletter and let's talk about joining!

For further information regarding the programs here at our Center, please stop in or call 908-474-8627. You can even visit us on our website at www.linden-nj.org.

Message from the Mayor



Events such as this make me so proud to be mayor. I know the trials and tribulations of the people affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Take the time to come here and support all our residents especially when they're down and out. I'd like to thank the Kiwanis Club for supporting this event. Thank you so much for all your hard work and the sponsors and restaurants for their generosity.

50 people signed up that suffered severe structural damage. Linden is a proud community who comes out in need for your community.

Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka

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