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MARINE CPL. KEVIN REINHARD LAID TO REST IN FULL HONOR

On January 29th funeral services for Marine Corporal Kevin Reinhard were held at St. Agnes Church in Clark, NJ. The burial followed at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia, NJ. Cpl. Reinhard, 25 years old and a resident of the Colonia section of Woodbridge, died on January 19 in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan.

Veterans, citizens and government officials learned that The Westboro Baptist Church protesters planed to be outside St. Agnes Church that Monday, holding up signs at the funeral of Cpl. Reinhard, (the signs declared his death in Afghanistan as a sign of God's judgment on America), the public became indignant that anyone could show such disrespect to this young Marine who made the supreme sacrifice for his country but especially to the entire Reinhard family who influenced a young man to love his family, country and friends.

The Linden Veterans Council participated in the Funeral Mass of Cpl. Reinhard. Member Ron Stefanowicz was

personally affected by the service and was compelled to write about the experience of honoring the Corporal and his family. His reflection on the event can be found inside this issue of Clark Monthly on on pages 12 and 13.



DAVID WALKER TEACHER OF THE YEAR



(above, l-r) Mrs. Hudak, President of the Linden Board of Education, Mr. David Walker of Linden High School and Dr. Robertozzi, Principal of Linden High School congratulate Mr. Walker for receiving the Linden School District Teacher of the Year. Photos by Linden Public Schools

FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



(above) Linden High School is proud to announce their Students of the Month for January pictured with their Principal Dr. Danny Robertozzi. (back, l-r) senior, Kevin Yeats and junior, Briana Reid. (front, l-r), sophomore, Anastasia Maresco, and freshman, Esther Alexis.

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LINDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Conference meetings will be held in the Council Office. Regular meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, LindenCity Hall.

Conference Meeting: March 19, 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting: March 20, 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Planning Room, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Meetings are held at City Hall, normally on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm.

All meetings are open to the public.

LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21

Regular meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the Planning Board Room at City Hall.

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BILL MANHARDT: AN AMERICAN PATRIOT

Bill Manhardt is an elected member of the Union County Democratic Committee, a notary public, a life member of the John Dawson Gilmary Shea Assembly of the Knights of Columbus -- but most of all, Bill is a true American patriot. Bill calls himself a "Promoter of Patriotism." His mobility is limited, but he still takes the time to design, print, and hand out flyers supporting active U.S. troops and veterans of past wars.

"I cannot walk or stand, but I get around in my power wheelchair," Bill says. Bill regularly crosses a highway on his wheelchair to get to the Linden Shopping Center, where he hands out his patriotic flyers. His wheelchair is not only a means of transportation, but a mobile office.

Bill is a twelve-year resident of the Delaire

Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Linden, and he is a fixture in the community. A former president of the resident council at Delaire, Bill has made it his duty to ensure the American flag is Delaire continually flying.

Bill is an Elizabeth native, and a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus. Despite his limited mobility, he is committed to the community service principles of the Knights of Columbus, and he is currently the 'Patriotism Chairman' of the John Dawson Gilmary Shea Assembly. Bill is a man with a deep love for his country, who does whatever he can to raise support for all branches of the U.S. military in his community.

"What our country needs now," he writes in one of his flyers, "is more patriotism!"

MOTORISTS MUST STOP FOR A PEDESTRIAN

Submitted by Linden Police Department

In an effort to make Linden's streets safer for pedestrians the Linden Police Department will begin an aggressive enforcement education campaign. Beginning immediately the Linden Police Department will be randomly but aggressively enforcing traffic laws related to pedestrian safety. This program will consist of several officers, some possibly in plain clothes acting as decoys. They will cross the streets in areas where there have been a rash of auto-pedestrian crashes.

Since October 2011 there have been six (6) crashes involving pedestrians that were struck by vehicles in the area surrounding the Linden

train station. Two resulted in fatalities. "The Linden Police Department has seen too many auto-ped crashes recently; we plan on engaging in a campaign to end this trend immediately! The public will most definitely see a large police presence in the area of Wood Avenue specifically around the Linden train station." stated Sgt. Michael Babulski, Traffic Bureau Commander.

Beginning on April 1, 2010 the law in NJ changed for motorists who come upon a pedestrian.

Motorists must STOP for a pedestrian in a marked cross walk. The prior version required

only the vehicle to yield. The penalties for violating this statute will be 2 points and a \$200 fine. Insurance surcharges and/or community service can also be levied upon violators. (39:4-36).

Pedestrians are also warned to follow the law. All pedestrians must use crosswalks and obey pedestrian signals at signalized intersections or face a \$54 fine. (39:4-32 & 33).

In addition to issuing summonses the Linden Police Department will also be handing out fliers in an effort to educate the pedestrians and motorists of these laws and how they are designed to make the streets safer.

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These funds can be used to make home improvements such as repair or replacement of substandard heating, plumbing and electrical, roof, structural repairs, correction of code violations, siding, windows and other energy saving repairs.

Eligibility will be based on income limits published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Potential applicants will be screened by staff which will also explain the program guidelines and benefits; complete the program application and schedule an inspection of the property. Contractor estimates will be reviewed and work write ups that include the scope of work that will be completed. In-progress inspections will be done to assure that the work is being properly completed as well as a final inspection of the work.

For more information and to inquire if you are eligible or to obtain an application, please contact the City of Linden Home Improvement Program, which is administered by Development Directions, LLC at 732-382-8100.

CONFUCIUS CLASSROOM IS DEDICATED

Linden High School officially opened its Confucius Classroom with a plaque unveiling ceremony in the school auditorium on Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

Faculty and staff from the supervising Confucius Institute at Rutgers University were in attendance, along with other local dignitaries.

The Confucius Institute at Rutgers University promotes quality Chinese language and culture education, and serves as a resource center for Chinese studies in New Jersey.

The Confucius Institute at Rutgers was formed in partnership with Jilin University in China, with the support from the Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban). Linden High School and Xiamen Foreign Language School in Xiamen China are partner high schools and joint Confucius Classrooms under the Confucius Institute at Rutgers University. Together they have carried on a host of activities including joint student exchanges, teacher training in China and the United States, as well as hosting joint exchanges of educators. The Linden Public Schools is also a model district for the use of the Great Wall Chinese Program in the United States, an educational program endorsed by Hanban.

The Linden Public School District is in its fifth year of teaching Chinese, providing instruction at all levels from grades 1 to 12, including the high school International Baccalaureate Program. Twenty-five percent of the students in grades 1 through 12 are currently studying Chinese, which represents nearly 975 students. There are four Chinese teachers in the district.



(above) Professor Dr. Tu, Director of Rutgers Confucius Institute and Dr. Tomazic unveil the Linden High School Confucius Classroom

plaque. Photo courtesy of Linden Public Schools

The unveiling ceremony featured the Linden High School Chinese dragon teams and the Chinese lions from the school's Navy Junior ROTC unit. The Chinese drum team from the school's band was also present. Linden High School recently held its celebration Ceremony for Chinese New Year during the visit of twenty-six visiting Chinese high school students from the Xiamen Foreign Language School and Fuzhou High School No. 3 of Fujian Province, China.

Activities of the Confucius Classroom are fully funded through grants from Hanban. Future activities will include support for the teaching of Chinese in the schools, assisting with cultural celebrations and student-to-student Chinese-American exchanges. There is also an initiative planned to conduct free Chinese classes in the evening for adults.

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CITY OF LINDEN CELEBRATING GIRL SCOUTS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

A resolution proclaiming the week of March 12, 2012 to March 18, 2012 "Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Week" was passed by the Linden City Council on February 21, 2012.

The resolution states that throughout its long and distinguished history, Girl Scouting has helped build millions of girls and women of courage, confidence, character and who act to be honest, fair, friendly, helpful, considerate, caring, strong, responsible and to make the world a better place; and Girl Scouting's core values of high ideals, patriotism, respect for self and others, and community service permeate its traditional and innovative programs; and through Girl Scouting's unique leadership development

programs, girls develop their potential and self-confidence and life skills to improve themselves and the world around them; and through dedication, time, talent of volunteers of different backgrounds, abilities, areas of expertise, and with supportive parents, guardians, and communities, the Girl Scout Program is brought to girls in grades K-12 across the State of New Jersey; and millions of Girl Scout members nationwide will be celebrating 100 years of this American Tradition with women who grew up participating in Girl Scouting and who exemplify the impact of this empowering movement that emphasizes helping others and community service.



(above) Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka presents Linden Girl Scouts Madeline Latempa and DeJa Graeper with a resolution proclaiming "Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary Week".

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(above, l-r) Barmaid Erin Leonard and Manager Ryan McNulty lean on the newly designed bar made from the original from Apples. Half of the bar was recycled and serves as trim and wood accents throughout the club.

Saturday, April 14th 2012 will witness the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at “10th Street Live” in Kenilworth.

The newly renovated venue, located at 104 N. 10th Street, has made fast progress in establishing itself as the premier spot for “Music, Food, & Drink” in the area. Kenilworth Mayor Kathi Fiamingo will perform the honors of cutting the ribbon.

The bar formerly known as “Apples” was purchased over the summer and given a complete facelift from top to bottom.

There is a deep respect and passion for the arts within the facility. In 2009, the owners at 10th Street Live opened “Soundwaves

Recording Studio” in Union, which has been host to creative projects from many areas of the arts. Soundwaves also features rehearsal studios that are booked solid on most nights.

The artists had a constant gripe: “there is nowhere around here to make an honest buck doing what we love.” The purchase of “Apples” was made in response of this desire.

Currently, live music can be enjoyed at 10th Street Live almost every day. The schedule is up on the website at 10thstreetlive.com.

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(above) Linden Board of Education President Mrs. Hudak presents teacher Esther Paden with her United Way award along with Dr. Robertozzi, Principal of Linden High School.

Photo by Linden Public Schools

UNITED WAY HONORS EDUCATOR ESTHER PADEN

Linden teacher Esther Paden, a former Linden High School student, and Douglass College, Rutgers University graduate, returned to her alma mater 26 years ago to teach English and Reading. In 1990, she created Union County's first, "Youth for United Way" organization by joining forces with the United Way of Greater Eastern Union County.

Her goal was to increase community service opportunities by establishing a community-based partnership to educate students on the role non-profits play in meeting the needs of the community. Through working with the United Way, student volunteers established a special relationship with the Cerebral Palsy League of Union County (presently Jardine Academy).

Esther Paden sought out grant funds to provide a horticulture therapy program for the Cerebral Palsy League. A grant was written in collaboration with Roselle Park High School, and both schools created a beautiful garden area for the children attending the Union Campus of the Cerebral Palsy League.

Esther Paden established the Learn and Serve America program (national school-based program through the Corporation for National Service) at Linden High School in 1993 and since that time, the program, along with the school's "Youth for United Way" volunteers, has provided more than one thousand students the opportunity to serve both regular and special needs children throughout the Linden school district and the Union County area.

Student volunteers have provided yearly donations for three Union County homeless shelters, including "Project Protect", and have served as classroom volunteers at; the Cerebral

Palsy League (Jardine Academy), The ARC of Union County's Kohler School, Children's Specialized Hospital's educational childhood program (presently First Children of Fanwood), and in the past, Regional Day Training School in Scotch Plains.

Additional teacher-led projects included; renovation of playground equipment, the building and donation of garden planters, creating art murals for special needs schools, and since 1993, Learn and Serve volunteers have been serving as prom escorts for special needs teens at their annual Cerebral Palsy League Prom. In addition, over the course of 18 years, her programs have raised over \$15,000 for the March of Dimes. Mrs. Paden's efforts brought national recognition to Linden High School in 2000 when Linden High School was conferred as a National Service Learning Leader School by the White House and Congress. In addition, Linden High School's Learn and Serve program received the Department of Education's Best Practice's award, and The New Jersey Governor's Volunteer Recognition Award in Citizenship and Education.

The program is presently in its nineteenth year at Linden High School. Many former Learn and Serve students are college graduates who have chosen to work in the field of education, health, or social services. The Union County Human Relations Commission will recognize Mrs. Paden in May by presenting her with the 2012 Unity Award for Achievement by an Educator. Esther Paden is a former Union County Teacher of the Year and a recipient of the New Jersey Governor's Teacher Recognition Award.

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The Linden Public Schools are pleased to announce that Mrs. Barbara Jude Brady has been named the Dance Teacher of the Year by the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

This award honors outstanding leaders in the field. Our faculty and students feel that she truly deserves the recognition for what she has done with our dance program here at LHS. Our students are more healthy and fit for being in her class, but more importantly, they are better people for having her influence in their life.

Mrs. Brady was born and raised in Linden, NJ and graduated from Kean College of NJ in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Health and Physical Education. She began her teaching career at Franklin High School and Sampson G. Smith Middle School in Somerset, NJ where she taught Physical Education, Dance and Health. She was also the Assistant Coach of the Varsity Field Hockey team, the Dance Team Coach and choreographer of the annual school musical.

In 1998, Barbara began teaching at McManus Middle School in Linden, NJ and was transferred to the high school the following year to teach Physical Education and Dance.

In 2001, Barbara began the full time dance program at Linden High School where she now has over 125 students enrolled. Each year, these dancers perform in an annual spring dance concert where they showcase their talents in a variety of dance styles. The LHS Dance Company has performed throughout the state of NJ since 1998, entertaining diverse audiences which include workshops for special needs children and seminars and dance performances

at the annual NJ Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Teachers Convention.

Before her teaching career began, Barbara was a professional dancer, who was on replacement for the Broadway shows Cats and Jerome Robbins' Broadway; and performed with the New Jersey Ballet Company, the Joffrey Ballet (NYC), and the NJ State Opera. She also performed and choreographed for the Cumberland County Playhouse in Tennessee. In NJ, Barbara has produced directed and/or choreographed over 65 shows since 1992 and is a Co-founder and President of Mystic Vision Players, a Union County based non-profit community Theater Company. She sits on the Union County Cultural & Heritage Programs Advisory Board and is listed in Who's Who in Entertainment and Who's Who Among American High School Teachers. A Papermill Playhouse Rising Star Award Nominee and the recipient of many NJ ACT (Achievement in Community Theater) Awards, Barbara received the NJAHPERD Dance Education Award as a senior in college and was awarded a medallion from Governor Whitman for promoting culture in the state of NJ.

Barbara is grateful to her husband, Kevin Brady, Jr. and their three children for their patience with her hectic schedule and for all of their love and support throughout the years.

Her credits are ongoing as she continues her interest for all students growth and accomplishments. It is her passion and love for her students as well as her art that keeps her striving for and getting success.



(above) Linden Board of Education President Mrs. Hudak presents Mrs. Brady with her award along with Dr. Robertozzi, Principal of Linden High School. Photo by Linden Public Schools

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A BRAVE YOUNG PATRIOT & WARRIOR

Written by Ron Stefanowicz, Linden Veterans Council

I felt it an Honor to participate with my Linden Veteran Council brothers in Cpl. Reinhard's Funeral mass. We all joined to form the "Wall of Honor" on Inman Ave., to show our respect to Cpl. Reinhard and his family. The wall had over 2,500 people including veterans from all branches of the service, elected officials, policemen, firemen and families. Adults and children stood in the chilly weather holding American flags and posters.

I personally felt a strong affinity toward Cpl. Reinhard and his family. As the parent of a son who was a young Marine officer of 24 years serving with the 2nd Battalion of the 8th Marine Expeditionary Force, participating in Iraq Desert Storm, Desert Sword and later in Afghanistan, I could feel the anxiety and concern for their son in harm's way. Yet, I was able to understand and respect the soldier's patriotic desire to serve his country. As Cpl. Reinhard, my son Rob was a Marine helicopter pilot. He also served with the 3rd Marines Expeditionary Force in Hawaii.

The Funeral Mass for Cpl. Reinhard was a moving and emotional experience attended by hundreds of people who stood outside the church and lined up Madison Hill Road with a sea of American Flags. There were veterans, fireman, policeman, adults and children that stood directly in front of the entrance of St. Agnes Church along with a large contingent of my American Legion comrades, members of the Marine Corp, friends of Cpl. Reinhard and many other people standing quietly in anticipation of the arrival of the funeral procession.

When Cpl. Reinhard's funeral procession arrived at the Church it was led, at the invitation of his family, by the Patriot Guard Forum, a motorcycle club that attends funerals of soldiers, firefighters, and police. After the Patriot Guard was a large bagpiper band followed by Cpl. Reinhard and his family.

The Honor Guard of veterans, police, fireman, elected officials and residents, standing on Madison Hill Road and in front of the

Church, were called to attention and saluted Cpl. Reinhard and his family members as they arrived at the Church.

As the procession entered St. Agnes Church behind the Reinhard family, there were people packed in the foyer, veterans and active military personnel standing at attention and saluting the procession. The main chapel of the church was full to near capacity. The Funeral Mass was a very solemn and emotional service.

Family members did the readings, Rev. Dennis Cohan, church pastor, presented the homily and talked about Kevin's character and how he touched many people "He (Kevin Reinhard) embraced the Marines and their spirit of enthusiasm and pride, and their spirit embraced him." Reflections were given by Cpl. Reinhard, Kevin's uncle Michael Gerrity and his sister Kathleen Reinhard.

Kevin's Uncle Michael Gerrity, reflected on how Kevin had been tinkering with engines with his father for years, "Kevin could connect anything with wires and then add sound. Kevin and his fellow Marines represent all the good the United States stands for." Gerrity also spoke proudly about Kevin's ability to get along with a new group of kids and his visits to his diabetic grandmother, Gerrity's mother, to give her insulin shots almost every night. As a son, grandson, brother, nephew and a family member, Kevin touched everyone with his respectful and loving way.

The most emotional tribute came from Kathleen, who called her brother, "a white knight from childhood to manhood and into death". Kathleen shared her relationship with her brother, "My brother and I were very close. We loved each other because of that," she said. "He loved his family dearly. He could not wait to come home to us," she said, adding that her brother had been on Facebook talking about returning home. "He wanted to come home and spend time with his family."

Kathleen spoke of her brother's love for



LAID TO REST IN FULL HONOR

everyone and everything, including the family gold fish that as a boy he would take out of the water to kiss goodnight at bedtime, not realizing he was killing the fish with his kindness. She said her parents had to replace the fish on a regular basis.

As a child, when he went to the bank and they would give him a lollipop, he'd always ask for one for his sister. "My brother never once thought only of himself, even as a little boy," she said. "He'd get the lollipop and bring it home to me." "He was not the kind of person to gloat about what he did for others," she said. "He did it without expecting to be paid back," his sister said, adding her brother probably would have refused any repayment. "Kevin was selfless in his generosity," she said. She said he appreciated the sacrifices the family made on his behalf. He knew his father worked overtime so he could attend St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, where he enjoyed some of the best days of his life and graduated in 2005.

And while their parents might wonder if they have been good parents, Kathleen, who occasionally choked up as she spoke, said their answer came in the support everyone has shown them. "If you and dad had not done as good a job with Kevin, he could not be as loved as he is," she said.

Kathleen Reinhard said her brother's memory is not being buried, because he will live on in each and everyone at the service. "Kevin has gone to God from me," she said. "He's asked for a lollipop for his sister and is waiting for my time to join him so he can give it to me."

Kathleen Reinhard and her brother, Kevin, had such a close bond that they promised each other that if something were to happen to the other, they would never leave the other's side.

Kathleen Reinhard upheld her part of that promise to her only sibling by serving as a pallbearer at the funeral for her brother, a Marine corporal who died when his helicopter crashed in Afghanistan on Jan. 19. He was one of six Marines killed in the crash, which came just weeks before his deployment was to end.

Following the reflections of Kevin's sister and uncle, the bagpipers entered the church with a slow drum roll for the fallen hero. A solo piper started "Amazing Grace", then the remainder of the group joined in raising the sound to stereo levels, the beat of the drums sounding like thunder. When the song finished the pipers exited in a military march.

At the conclusion of the mass, the choir soloist sang the "Marine Corp Hymn", the entire church stood, many covering their hearts as the hymn was sung. The veterans left the chapel to form the Honor Guard, joining the hundreds of people who stood outside the church during the funeral service, waiting for the Cpl. Reinhard procession to leave for St. Gertrude's Cemetery.

We left St. Agnes Church to join other Linden Veterans Council members (American Legion Post # 102, Catholic War Veterans, Post 497, Linden Marine League, Martin Danowski Detachment, Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post # 91, Linden Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 669 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1397), all participating in the "Wall of Honor" on Inman Ave. As we turned on to Inman Ave., it was an awesome sight of people who turned out in the chilly weather to Honor Cpl. Reinhard and his family. As the procession drove passed, veterans, police, firemen and military personnel saluted while adults stood solemnly by with children waving American Flags.

The reverential blasts of a rifle fire and the



sound of taps echoed through Saint Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia as mourners paid their final respects to a fallen hero.

In retrospect, at each of our meetings, the members of the Linden Veterans Council take the oath to continue to serve our country, fellow veterans and their families and our communities. It was a personal honor being part of the several thousand people participating in laying a young patriot to rest. As veterans, we personally know of those from our military service and military branches who made the ultimate sacrifice. These things we very rarely discuss in public.

We understand the importance of honoring these patriots during our Memorial Day services when we place over 4,500 flags on veterans' graves in Linden cemeteries, and visit Linden's 14 Veteran Monuments to place wreaths and to conduct prayer services on Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Cpl. Kevin Reinhard's name will be inscribed in the list of fallen patriots; he will be remembered by all veterans along with all those brave American patriots who preceded him.

MARINE CPL. KEVIN REINHARD

Kevin Reinhard attended Saint John Vianney Elementary School, Colonia Middle School, and Saint Joseph's High School in Metuchen. After attending Ramapo College, he transferred to Middlesex County College in Edison where he majored in criminal science. In the spring of 2008 he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and attained the rank of corporal. He was a crew chief, flying on a Sikorsky Sea Stallion with HMH 363 – the Lucky Red Lions, stationed out of Hawaii.

Kevin only had a few short weeks left to his deployment when his helicopter crashed in Afghanistan. It was his second deployment.



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LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

At their February meeting, the Linden Public Library Board of Trustees honored Liz Garcia and Michael Karlovich upon their retirement from Infineum. Garcia was instrumental in

obtaining funds for a meeting room as well as the podium for the new library. Karlovich was instrumental in obtaining funds for the computer lab of the new library.



(above, l-r) Mayor Richard Gerbounka, Library Board President Sharon Cifello, Liz Garcia, and Library Director Dennis Purves.



(above) Michael Karlovich and Sharon Cifello.

ELDER LAW, SPECIAL NEEDS & DISABILITY PLANNING SEMINAR

Elder Law, Special Needs & Disability Planning Seminar will be offered free to the public on Tuesday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m. The seminar is designed to answer the many complicated questions regarding recent law changes and requirements for effective estate planning.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Know the 10 Signs: Early Detection Matters. The Alzheimer's Association Greater New Jersey Chapter will offer a program on March 22nd at 6 pm: . There you will learn some of the warning signs of the disease and what you can do about them.

These programs will take place at the Linden Public Library, 31 E. Henry Street. To register, please sign up at the circulation desk or call Dennis Purves at 908-298-3830, extension 11.

The Linden Public Library will host a blood drive on Tuesday, March 13th, 2012, from 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the Columbia Bank Room. For more information, please call Dennis Purves at 908-298-3830, extension 11.

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WHAT MAKES A RESTAURANT A GREAT VALUE

There are many ways to judge a restaurant. Depending on the occasion, different restaurants fill the needs of diners in different ways. Variety is the spice of life and there is enough demand for all sorts of food establishments to keep everyone busy. One of the prime measures that is universal in judging a good place to eat is value. Napoli Pizza and Pasta scores high in that department.

People take into account many factors in determining their favorite places to dine. Depending on the circumstances, some factors outweigh others. Speed may be more important on one day than the next. Convenience may win out over drive time. Mood and ambiance are subjective and their consideration can be based on an infinite range of how the person is feeling at that time.

What people look for after processing the type of food they want and the type of place they want to visit is value, a combination of cost and quality. Napoli's owner Everest Mulaj has put together a perfect combination of both at its location on 523 N. Wood Ave. in Linden, NJ.

The restaurant is newly renovated. It was previously named Verona Pizza, more of a pizzeria than a take-out place. It is now an attractive room suitable for intimate dining. It is a BYOB that has soothing standards playing in the background, where the setting is casual but neat. The true value, though, can be found on the menu.

Everest owns a restaurant in Metuchen named Turino II, but the building and location on Wood Avenue prohibits anything on the scale of his

other place. More importantly, Everest considered the marketplace and has developed a menu that is affordable for his clientele. Napoli's has a booming take-out and delivery service. The take-out menu is priced to accommodate families on tight budgets and the hundreds of small businesses that call in their lunch orders.

The sit-down menu is quite different with dishes that are more involved to prepare but just as affordable. Everest also offers daily specials. What makes both menus a great value is that the quality of the food is the same as what you would find at an upscale restaurant. For instance, the pasta is homemade and all entrees are served with salad. The ingredients are always fresh.

Everest is originally from Linden. His family settled there when they immigrated from Albania when he was 9 years old. He is a graduate of Linden High School and loves the idea of having his business in his hometown.

Everest learned the business while working for over five years at Benito's in Union, an upscale restaurant with an impeccable reputation. The transformation from Verona's, which Everest opened in 2009, into Napoli is dramatic. Those who remember Verona will notice the stark contrast. For instance, it is no longer a place to get slices. Instead, a variety of personal pies is offered. It will be a pleasant surprise for anyone visiting for the first time. Quality food that is easy on the wallet.

(right) The modest building that houses Napoli matches the modest pricing on the menu. It has seating for up to 80 people and is available for private parties.



(above) Everest Mulaj with a view of Wood Avenue from Napoli's storefront window.



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(above, l-r) Jerry and Silvester Primavera.

PRIMAVERA MEANS THE SEASON OF SPRING

Brothers Jerry and Silvester Primavera used their surname for the restaurant they opened in April of 2011. The English translation for Primavera is “the season of spring,” which evokes images of bright sunshine, greening landscapes, budding flowers and cultivating gardens. This describes the atmosphere in Primavera’s perfectly.

The restaurant’s decor is beautiful – modern but rustic – and diners may get a sense that the vegetables are picked from a backyard garden as needed. Primavera’s is a restaurant, but it is also a pizzeria and cafe. The pizzeria is separate from the dining area, which is elegantly styled with colorful ceramic floors, flowing window treatments and interesting lighting.

The trappings are second only to the quality of the food. Silvester is the main chef for the restaurant while Jerry handles the demands of the pizzeria’s ovens.

The café, which sits within the restaurant,

welcomes customers who may want to sit and chat over coffee and pastry.

The pizzeria side of the business accommodates sit-down customers along with its pickup and delivery service. The restaurant can seat up to 60 people. Private parties and outside catering rounds up the full list of services that Primavera’s offers.

Primavera’s is a cut above typical pizzerias because of the way Silvester manages things. This is his first restaurant after working 12 years in the hotel industry as a food and beverage director. That experience, and the level of quality that the hotel industry demands, is evident in his business.

Primavera’s is located at 628 N. Stiles Street in Linden, NJ, across from Linden Lanes bowling center. Reservations are not necessary and diners are invited to bring their own spirits. Calls for take-out and delivery orders can be made to 908-486-7466.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO LHS!

A.J. Primavera has lead role in Barnum

Jerry Primavera’s son A.J. works for his dad on weekends. During the day he is a student, a senior at Linden High School. Week nights he’s busy rehearsing. Alex has the lead role in the Linden H.S. Musical Theater production of Barnum. This is the thirtieth year the company is producing a show.

See Barnum March 15 and 16 - Show starts 8 pm

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Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased in advanced or at the door.

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(above) A.J. Primavera

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Grant provides funding for 350 kits

The Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation has provided a \$10,000 grant that will distribute 350 Infant CPR Anytime kits to parents of newborns in Elizabeth, NJ. The program was introduced at the Family Health Clinic of Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth by Gary S. Horan, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Trinitas Regional Medical Center, Bill Thompson, Senior Vice President of Health Strategies of the American Heart Association, and David A. Fletcher, President of the Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation.

The American Heart Association Infant CPR Anytime kit provides new parents, grandparents, siblings and babysitters the ability to learn in just 22 minutes the core skills of CPR and relief of choking. Infant CPR Anytime is an at-home, video-based, self-directed training kit that can be used over and over without the need of a certified professional facilitator.

"Trinitas provides a wide range of cardiac care services through cardiac prevention and cardiac care, and it is fitting that we join the American Heart Association in this crucial outreach," noted Mr. Horan during his remarks.

"We know that the generosity of the Elizabethtown Healthcare Foundation will make a positive impact on the shockingly high statistics of young children who suffer cardiac arrest each year. These CPR Kits will educate hundreds of young families and help them respond quickly to cardiac emergencies if and when they arise."

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(right) Gregg's owner, John Umile, in tie, stands with suppliers, who gave demos and guests who enjoyed the party atmosphere.



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March 21 through June 9th

Karate Classes for Linden students ages 5 through 15.

Classes will be held Friday afternoons, 4:00 - 5:00pm, March 21st through June 9th at the JTG Center, 330 Helen Street. Cost for the program is \$55.00. Class size is limited. Registration deadline is March 20, 2012.

SENIOR LINE DANCE CLASS

Senior Citizen Line Dance Classes for all Linden senior citizens, age fifty (50) and older, will begin March 23 thru June 8, 2012 at the JTG Recreation Center, 330 Helen Street, Linden, Friday mornings, 10:00am - 11:00am.

You must be a Linden resident. Instructions will include such dances such as the rhumba, cha-cha and line dancing. Besides learning and improving dance steps, dancing is an excellent way to get exercise and make friends.

GET INVOLVED W/ KIWANIS MARCH MEETINGS/PROGRAMS

Three luncheon meetings will be held on March 8th, 15th, and the 29th at 12:15 pm at the Southern Smokehouse

located at 611 W. Edgar Road in Linden

March 15th Topic: Kiwanis Updates

Speaker: June Lazaro

March 29th Topic: Reverse Mortgages

Speaker: Chuck Florio, Real Estate Broker – Striker Realty

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GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NAMES 2011 BUSINESSES OF THE YEAR

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W.B. Mason was named the Large Company of the Year; Fazio, Mannuzza, Roche, Tankel LaPilusa earned Medium Company of the Year honors; and Maffey Security Group was recognized as Small Company of the Year.

Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education under President Bush and senior advisor to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and President of its Forum for Policy Innovation, was keynote speaker and offered the crowd of 400 business professionals her ideas of an improved business climate through education for New Jersey under the Christie administration.

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While W.B. Mason, FMRTL and Maffey's remained strong in 2011, the year was not as kind to many other of the state's businesses of all sizes and Spellings stressed the need for strengthening our education system in her keynote speech.

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7:30 AM MARCH 8

GATEWAY TODAY! MORNING NETWORKING
L'Affaire Fine Catering, 1099 Route 22 E., Mountainside

8:30 AM MARCH 9

LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS MEETING
Plainfield City Hall, 515 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield
Hosted by Mayor Sharon Robinson Briggs

8:30 AM MARCH 14

KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING
Access Self Storage, 750 Boulevard, Kenilworth

8:00 AM MARCH 16

**WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE
"BUSINESS & EDUCATOR BREAKFAST"**
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 36 Valley Road (GSP 135), Clark

6:00 PM MARCH 20

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOC. ST. PAT'S DAY PARTY
Molly Maguire's Irish Pub, 1085 Central Avenue, Clark

8:00 AM MARCH 21

EMPLOYER LEGISLATIVE COMM. MEETING
Kenilworth Inn, Boulevard & S. 31st Street, Kenilworth

5:30 PM MARCH 22

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS NETWORK
Royce Brook CC, 201 Hamilton Road, Hillsborough

6:00 PM MARCH 26

GATEWAY 23RD ANNUAL MAYORS DINNER
Newark Liberty International Airport Marriott Hotel

8:30 AM MARCH 27

LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING
Linden Public Library, 31 East Henry Street, Linden
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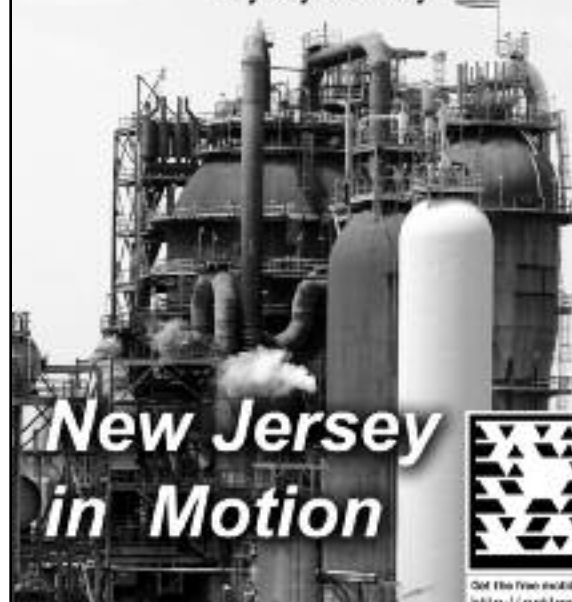
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The most common cause of these unsightly stains on asphalt roofs is a blue-green algae called *Gloeocapsa Magma*. Over the past 25 years this strain of algae has become hardier. It has now become a common sight on asphalt roofs across 80% of the United States. The unsightly growth usually occurs on the north or

west side as well as shaded areas of the roof. As the algae grows and decomposes, it holds moisture, which accelerates its growth.

Contributing to this problem is the change that occurred about 30 years ago in the way asphalt shingles were manufactured. In the early 70's roofing manufacturers began using a fiberglass mat. With the fiberglass mat, and higher oil prices, came the use of finely crushed limestone. It was added to the asphalt coating as a filler or extender. Unfortunately, limestone is a favorite food source for this strain of algae. Often, these black or dark brown stains are mistakenly thought to be dirt, tree droppings, mold, fungus or mildew. Actually, they are caused when the algae begins to decompose.

Although most homeowners are concerned about aesthetics or curb appeal, the algae is actually eating away at the limestone filler in the asphalt which in time will loosen up and the granules will begin to fall away much faster than they should, taking away years of the expected

life of the roof. The dark growth also draws in more heat, which will also shorten the life of the shingle. Curb appeal is a big consideration to anyone who may be looking to sell their home. A potential buyer may truly believe they will need to replace that roof for thousands of dollars, when in reality it could be taken care of for a small fraction of that.

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"No one is immune from disasters, and we are thankful ConocoPhillips recognizes the need to support the efforts of the Red Cross to provide shelter, food and relief supplies to community members directly impacted by Hurricane Irene,"

said Suzanne Lutz, Executive Director of the Raritan Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross. "This generous contribution by ConocoPhillips will enable the Red Cross to provide help and hope to the victims of disasters."

Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee resulted in Red Cross relief operations in more than a dozen states in 2011. In New Jersey alone, 740 Red Cross disaster workers helped provide more than 19,000 overnight stays in shelters and

distributed more than 300,000 meals and snacks. In addition, more than 18,000 cleanup kits were distributed throughout affected neighborhoods along with other relief items, and 4,500 comfort kits were provided in shelters.

The Red Cross depends on the generous support of the American public to assist people affected by disasters. If you would like to help, please consider making a donation today by visiting www.redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or texting the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Contributions may also be sent to the American Red Cross Raritan Valley Chapter, 321 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090.

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(pictured) Chief Joseph Rizzo, Linden Fire Department; Jacqueline Cleary-Urbano, Vice-Chair, Raritan Valley Chapter, Red Cross Board of Directors; Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka; Chief Sal Bivona, Linden Police Department; Mary Phillips, ConocoPhillips Community Relations Coordinator; Captain Gene Braun, Linden Police Department; Suzanne Lutz, Executive Director, Raritan Valley Chapter, American Red Cross of Central New Jersey; Craig Nowlin, Secretary/Treasurer, Raritan Valley Chapter, Red Cross Board of Directors; Vince Wilt, member of Raritan Valley Chapter, Red Cross Board of Directors; Brian Coffman, Bayway Refinery Manager; Sergeant Abdul Williams, Linden Police Department; Michael Karlovich, Bayway Strategic Communication Manager.

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