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LINDEN INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

The 75th Annual Meeting of the Linden Industrial Association was held on April 20, in Amici III Restaurant in Linden. Guest speakers included Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka, City of Linden and Richard Bagger, Chief of Staff to Governor Chris Christie.

The purposes of the LIA are to promote the mutual interests of industries located or having interests in the City of Linden or surrounding municipalities and for such other beneficial purposes as may from time to time be recommended by the Board of Trustees.

The LIA has also been known to take a stand on issues in support of its membership and has often aligned itself with the views of the New Jersey State Chamber of Commerce and the New Jersey Business and Industry Association, especially on environmental issues.

The Linden Industrial Association was incorporated on April 25, 1935. The founder of the LIA was the founder of the law firm of Lindabury, McCormick & Estabrook, Joseph S. Lindabury, Esq., a lifelong Linden resident.

Upon his retirement Joseph's son-in-law, Kenneth L. Estabrook, Esq., who was married to Mr. Lindabury's daughter, Virginia, succeeded him as secretary. James K. Estabrook, Esq. is Kenneth and Virginia's son and Joseph Lindabury's grandson. James represents the third generation to serve as secretary to the organization.

James Estabrook addressed the attendees and read the names of the incorporators from the Certificate of Incorporation, he noted his grandfather's signature and the registered address which was his residence, and the house James Estabrook's mother was raised in.

To the amusement of attendees, Mr. Estabrook read from meeting minutes from February 3, 1969. Among those in attendance in 1969 were current members, Merck & Co., Inc., Public Service Electric & Gas Company and Solar Compounds Corporation. Although many members have come and gone, the organization has retained a steady and active membership since its formation in 1935.

The most important aspect of the LIA is the mutual cooperation between the member businesses and the City of Linden. The membership understands that in order for them to obtain the respect of the governing officials, they must be good corporate citizens. They, of course, seek an open and responsible exchange with the City. James Estabrook stated "I think it is fair to say that a healthy level of mutual respect has been successfully put into practice over the several decades of the Association's existence."



(above, standing, l-r) Jim Coyle, Pres. Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce; Cindy Dambola, Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper; Matt Kurzius, Cogen Technologies Linden Venture, Pres. LIA; Richard Bagger, Chief of Staff – Office of the Governor; James Estabrook-Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, Sec. LIA. (seated, l-r) Liz Garcia, Infineum USA, 2nd Vice Pres.; Andres Martone, Safety Kleen Systems, Inc., 1st. Vice Pres.; Mayor Richard Gerbounka.



(above) Cliff Billick accepting 2010 LIA Business & Community Contribution Award.
(l-r) Cliff Billick, Billick & Sons; Andrea Martone, Safety Kleen Systems, 1st. Vice Pres. LIA; Matt Kurzius, Cogen Technologies Linden Venture, Pres. LIA.

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME 4TH ANNUAL INDUCTION DINNER



(left, l-r) Edward Eska*, Bob Riesener, Daryl Devero, Bob Hoffer, Tony Picano - (representing the 1979 Linden High School Basketball Team, Jamaal Tate, Fred Luongo. (not pictured) Harold Carter, Wally Daniels*, Seymour Kaplowitz, Frank Krysiak, Ted Lyons*, Al Nogi*, Bob Smith.* *Old Timers: Participated Prior to 1950.



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Message from the Mayor



As Linden's Mayor, I would like to offer my sincere condolences to the Polish Community on behalf of all Linden City employees and residents.

The tragic loss of President Lech Kaczynski and his wife along with 95 other individuals including many high ranking government officials is a devastating loss to Poland and people here in America. I know the people of Polish ancestry are a proud and resilient people who have suffered severe tragedies in the past and persevered.

May President Kaczynski, his wife and the 95 other lives lost in this horrific plane crash rest in peace knowing that Poland will recover and continue to be a strong Democracy earned through the unselfish sacrifice of its people over many decades.

LINDEN PROJECTS

The City of Linden has recently opened our second new firehouse at Stimpson and S. Wood Avenue, approximately two blocks away from the original firehouse built in 1916. A third new firehouse will be built on the existing firehouse site at Chandler and Elizabeth Avenues which was built in 1929. The old building has recently been demolished.

By mid-May our new library will be open to the public. It was built behind the existing structure that was built in 1939 as a WPA project under the Roosevelt administration. The "old" library was recently demolished after all the books and usable property was transferred to the new building. This saved Linen at least one million dollars because we did not have to pay for removal and storage of our library books, besides having the existing library open to the public while the new building was being constructed. Once the "old" library's debris is removed, its footprint will become a court yard and parking area.

Mayor Richard J. Gerbounka

TOWNSHIP MEETING DATES & SCHEDULES

LINDEN CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES:

Conference meetings will be held in the Council Office. Regular meetings will be held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, Linden, New Jersey.

Conference Meeting: May 17 - 6 p.m. Prior to Council Meeting: May 18 - 6 p.m. Council Meeting: May 18 - 7 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

Regular meetings are held in the auditorium Linden High School, 121 W. St. George Ave. Regular Meeting: May 12 - 7 p.m.

A WEALTH OF LINDEN INFORMATION ONLINE

The next time you need to know what's going on in town, or to look for a municipal phone number, or who to speak to regarding city services check Linden's website.

linden-nj.org

Find the Linden Chamber website through the "Affiliates" link on: gatewaychamber.com

GATEWAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENTS

For additional event information call the Chamber at 908-352-0900 or visit our website at www.gatewaychamber.com

10:30 AM MAY 3 36TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Suburban Golf Club,

1730 Morris Avenue, Union

8:00 AM MAY 4

SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Kenilworth Inn,

Boulevard & South 31st Street, Kenilworth

8:00 AM MAY 6

NETWORKING PROFESSIONALS OF NJ

Perkins of Green Brook,

297 Route 22 East, Green Brook

MAY 6 8:45 AM

WORKFORCE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chamber Office.

135 Jefferson Avenue, Elizabeth

8:30 AM **MAY 12**

KENILWORTH CHAMBER MEETING

Mike & Annie's Frozen Delights, 505 Boulevard, Kenilworth

5:00 PM **MAY 12** NETWORKING OUTSIDE THE BOX **SUPERSIZED!**

Renaissance Newark Airport Hotel, 1000 Spring Street, Elizabeth

6:00 PM **MAY 13**

NEW JERSEY REAL ESTATE SOCIAL **NETWORK MEETING**

The Westwood, 438 North Avenue, Garwood

MAY 14 8:30 AM

LOCAL & COUNTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Visit website for meeting location

6:00 PM **MAY 18**

IRISH BUSINESS ASSOCIATION 2ND

ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

Gran Centurions,

440 Madison Hill Road, Clark

8:00 AM **MAY 19**

EMPLOYEE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Kenilworth Inn,

Boulevard & 31st Street, Kenilworth

8:30 AM **MAY 25**

LINDEN CHAMBER MEETING

Raymond Bauer Promenade,

North Wood Avenue, Linden

8:30 AM **MAY 26**

LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST

Solar do Minho,

147 West Westfield Avenue, Roselle Park

MAY 27 8:30 AM

CLARK CHAMBER GROUP Clark Nursing & Rehabilitation Center,

1213 Westfield Avenue, Clark

8:30 AM **MAY 28**

SOMERSET HILLS BUSINESS

NETWORK MEETING

Olde Mill Inn, 225 Route 202, Basking Ridge

EVENTS CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CERAMIC CLASSES

The Department of Public Property and Community Services is offering children's ceramic classes for students in Kindergarten through 8th grades

At the Gregorio Recreation Center 330 Helen Street The fee is \$10.00 per class, per participant. (No refund)

SURPRISE CERAMIC CLASS

Thursday, May 20th from 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Registration deadline is May 19th.

FATHER'S DAY CERAMIC CLASS

Thursday, June 10th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm Registration deadline is June 9th.

"FUN IN SUN" CERAMIC CLASS

Monday, July 12th
from 11:00am – 12:30pm
Registration deadline is July 9th.
For more information, please call 908-4748627 or check our web site at www.lindennj.org and click onto Recreation.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET

Elizabeth-Linden Lodge #289 228 East Elm Street, Linden (908) 925-3433

Sunday May 9th, 2010 9 am to 19 noon

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REMINDER!! FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVEN'T REGISTERED YOUR CHILD FOR DAY CAMP

Registration ends May 28th. (No exceptions will be made)

The Department of Public Property and Community Services offers a Day Camp Program for children entering Kindergarten – 6th grads in September for a fee of \$200.00.

The hours are 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday through Friday from June 28th to August 19th.For more information call: 908-474-8600 or visit the website at: www.linden-nj.org.

VOLUNTEER SOCCER COACHES NEEDED

Call: Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services at 908-474-8600.

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Department of Public Property and Community services are seeking volunteers to assist with the Nutrition Program, Monday-Friday only from 10:00am -1:00pm.

If you are interested, call the Center at 908-474-8629 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm and speak with Nate.

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9TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AND BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS DINNER

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THE DAY TO HONOR OUR VETERANS WHO MADE A SUPREME SACRIFICE FOR OUR NATION

By Ron Stefanowicz, President Linden Veteran's Council

Since 1868, we have come together in our communities to place flowers and flags on graves of our fallen heroes and come together in services to honor those who have paid the ultimate price in the name of freedom.

For whether a war is popular or not, the sacrifice is the same for the more than one million men and women who died in service of this nation in wars and conflicts since 1775.

Americans must remember that freedom is not free. It is only possible because our fallen heroes have paid its high price. Let us not lose focus of what Memorial Day means; it is a day to remember.

To all our fallen heroes on this coming Memorial Day, we are in their debt and we thank them. May God bless them and our great nation.

We invite all Linden residents and businesses to join this year's Memorial Day activities to honor our patriotic veterans who have made a supreme sacrifice for our country.

The Linden Veterans Council and its members, the American Legion, Post 102, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1397, Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 779, Marine League, Martin Danoski Post, Catholic War Veterans, Post 497 and Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post 91, invite resident's participation in Linden's Memorial Day programs.

If you have a family member or friends who Information.

Memorial Day is a day unlike any other. rests in a Linden Cemetery you can join the Veterans, LHS ROTC, Girl Scouts and other residents to place an American Flag on Veteran's graves. Veteran Grave Site Flag Placements will take place on Saturday, May 22nd. Everyone who would like to participate in flag placement will assemble at American Legion Hall, 112 W. Elizabeth Ave. at 9:15 AM, leave for cemeteries at 10:00 a.m. Sharp. Return to American Legion Hall on Elizabeth Ave. 12:00 noon. Refreshments will be served following Veteran's Grave Flag Placement service. Annually there are over 2,500 flags placed on Linden Veteran's

> Placing memorial wreaths ceremony on City of Linden Veteran's Monuments will take place on Monday, May 31st. All Veterans, LHS ROTC and Linden Residents will assemble at American Legion, Post 102, at 112 E. Elizabeth Ave.

> The following time schedule could vary by a few minutes. Residents are invited to meet the Veteran's entourage at a specific Monument listed to the right or to join the Veteran's escorted entourage from the American Legion Hall to visit all the City Monuments.

> All veterans are invited to join their fellow veterans in honoring those veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. Call 908-862-9721 if you need additional

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

- 8:30 Assemble at Linden American Legion, Post # 102
- 9:10 St. Theresa Church, Catholic War Veterans Monument
- 9:20 Veterans Memorial Park, S. Wood Ave., All Veterans Monument
- 9:30 Melnyk Park, 11th Street, Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 9:45 Rosedale Cemetery, Route 1, Veterans Circle
- 10:10 8th Ward Monument, Park & Grier Ave, All Veterans Monument
- 10:20 Rosehill Cemetery, Linden Ave., Veterans Circle, All Veterans Monument
- 10:30 Farawell Park, Zieglar Ave, Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 10:45 School #1, Curtis & Gibbons Street, All Veterans Monument
- 11:00 Wilson Park, Summit Terr., Purple Heart and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 11:15 Knosky Park, Stiles & Elm St., Marine League and Local Neighborhood Veterans Monument
- 11:30 Linden City Hall, N. Wood Ave. WW 2. Korea & Vietnam Monuments
- 11:40 VFW # 1397, Pennsylvania Railroad Ave., VFW Monument and All Veterans
- 11:50 Return to AL Post 102, 112 W. Eliz. Ave., AL Monument and All Veterans.









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PERCARIO BROTHERS IN BUSINESS, IN LINDEN

Tony and Mike Percario have businesses within one block of each other on St. George Avenue in Linden, NJ, just a few blocks from Alexander Avenue where they grew up. The brothers are proud of their Linden roots and enjoy having many customers that have been friends of the family for many years.

Their parents Joseph and Helen raised their eight children in Linden. All graduated St. Elizabeth's Grammar School. Tony and Mike are just three years apart in age and have a lot in common. They graduated Roselle Catholic High School, Tony in '80 and Mike in '83. They play golf together on the weekends and enjoy family time together.

Like his brothers before him Tony worked as a carpenter for his father but while in high school he fell off a scaffold and suffered serious spinal cord injuries. He was layed up for over a year. He could never return to construction work and started a car dealership.

His father encouraged Mike to pursue a career as an attorney because he saw the need for workers to be represented. Mike became an attorney and now represents injured workers.

Mike has been a practicing attorney for over 15 years and has been at his 1514 St. Georges Ave. location for 10 years. Tony's used car business, Car Stop is on the same side of the road at 1440.

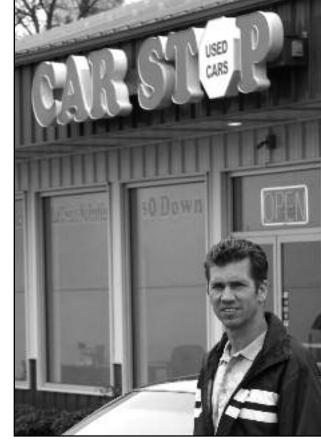
Mike is a certified civil trial attorney that is a designation given to less than 2% of the practicing attorneys in NJ based on number of trials and passing an exam. He is a member of the Union County Bar Association and is the

chairman of the Civil Practice Committee. Mike is also appointed by the Court as an arbitrator in Union, Middlesex and Somerset Counties. He served on the Judicial and Prosecutorial Committee and is a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

Tony has now been in the used car business for over twenty years. He does the purchasing of the cars he sells and his lot features an on-site service center. All cars pass a complete evaluation by a certified technician. Tony has a loyal customer base that generates many referrals. He has an excellent reputation for quality, value and integrity.

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(right) Tony Percario has owned and operated his Used Car business for over 20 years.





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FAMILY MATH NIGHT AT SCHOOL NO. 6

Linden School No. 6 recently held a family Math Night with the goal to strengthen the everyday math concepts through family involvement. School No. 6 teachers along with the math coach encouraged parents and students to learn together. Each station was designed to higher promote level thinking communication to solve the problems. Families went away with a goody bag filled with math games to strengthen the many concepts learned during the year.

(right) School No. 6 math coach Mr. Orth and teacher Mrs. Hughes explains one way to solve the problem.

Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools





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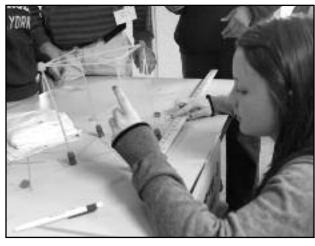
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ENGINEERS WEEK



(above) Angelika Drozd of Linden High School is a team player in the creation, design, and evaluates the spaghetti structure of a telecommunications tower during activities in recognition of National Engineers Week.

Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

NJ ASK PEP RALLY

Linden School No. 1 went the extra mile to encourage and prepare students to do their best. The school held a NJ ASK Pep Rally to motivate the students of School No. 1 to excel on the state test. The students were encouraged to dance and cheer their way through a high energy event with each class performing. Skits were performed by students to encourage all to meet the test challenge by studying, getting a good night's sleep, having a healthy breakfast, and checking their work before turning in their test.

School No. 1 also held an NJ ASK family workshop which gave the parents background knowledge on the state test, tools to increase their child's level of preparedness and confidence in taking the tests. The family unit learned and was able to apply strategies that helped the students be prepared for the NJASK test. School No. 1 students were full of enthusiasm, inspiration and encouragement to perform to their fullest potential.



(above, l-r) Shakier Qualls, Dallas Pringle, Rajesh Lopez cheer at the School No. 1 NJASK Pep Rally. Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools

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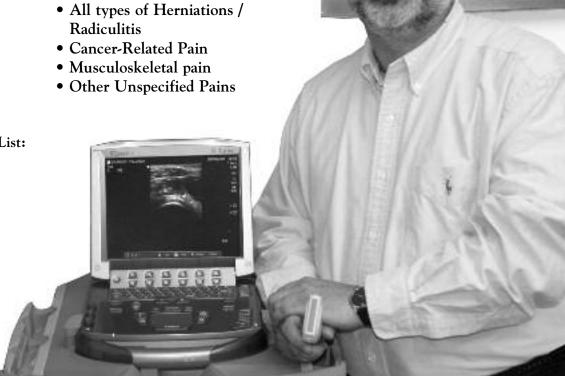
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TASTE YOUR WAY AROUND THE WORLD

Linden School No. 4 students and the community recently had an eclectic tour of the world by celebrating unique and diverse culinary traditions through the annual School No. 4 Cultural Food Festival. The students invited guests that included parents and senior citizens from the Ann Ferguson Towers. Families brought in various dishes which included a wonderful spread of hummus, rice, stuffed grapeleaves, kofta, fried chicken, macaroni & cheese, corn muffins, fajitas, tortillas, refried beans and rice. School No. 4 and all of Linden Public Schools create an

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While Linden School Children were on Spring Break, the Department of Public Property & Community Services sponsored two magic shows at the Myles McManus Middle School. Magician Joe Fischer wowed the over 700 children and their parents that attended the shows.



environment where all children feel valued and all children can learn, explore and build an understanding of cultural diversity through participation in a variety of art, literacy, cooking, and musical programs held throughout the school year.

(right, l-r) Ann J. Ferguson Towers seniors Marie Neilan, School No. 4 student Alex Yucra, Georgianna Nieroda and Anna Saniuk enjoy sharing time and learning experiences with each other. Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools



LINDEN FIRST GRADE CLASSROOM A PUBLISHING HOUSE

Students in Mrs. Bramante's First Grade class at School No.8 worked on a How-To-Do writing unit. Reading Coach Mrs. Castaldo worked with Mrs. Bramante and her class by reading great how-to-do books of many different authors. The class brainstormed about what they each knew how to do well and wrote their own books. The students had the freedom to write about the topics of their choice which provided them with greater opportunities to emerge as an author. They also created illustrations for different parts of their book. The Publishing Celebration Day gave the first grade authors a chance to read their books for an audience. This was an innovative way for students to experience the collaborative book publishing process. Linden School No. 8 and all of Linden Public Schools provide students in all grade levels with essential tools to engage them in the writing process, and to improve literacy skills for realworld applications.

Each student's book will document the ideas,

thoughts and creativity as they emerge as writers from a young age. These writings will be cherished by parents and families as the child grows. A memory keepsake.



(above) Robert Lane is so happy to be an author, and he's ready to sign autographs. Photo by Christine Hudak, Linden Public Schools















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TRYING TO UNDERSTAND AUTISM

Over 1.5 million Americans live with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, yet most of us don't truly understand what Autism is. Autism Spectrum Disorders or ASD's are commonly referred to as Autism, even though that is just one disorder that falls under the spectrum. ASD's are complex neurological disabilities that affect normal brain function, development and social interaction. They vary vastly in how they appear and affect a person with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Autism Spectrum Disorders include but are

not limited to Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, Rett Syndromes and Pervasive Development always anxious and about to overload. You don't Disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS). The differences from a diagnosis of one disorder to another may be dependent upon the severity of the impairment, the onset or time of diagnosis, or in what areas the disability may occur. The major areas of impairment are noticed in sensory perception, language and communication and/or cognitive ability.

What does this all mean? The words commonly used to describe ASD's are all just words; words that are studied and not experienced. If one were to put aside their perception of the world and experience it through the eyes of someone with an ASD:

In the grocery store, fluorescent lights are bright and flickering, packaging is brightly colored to draw the consumer's attention, a baby is crying, the smells from the seafood and produce are intoxicating, a voice booms over the loudspeaker to announce the specials of the day, and the man in line is wearing too much cologne. All of this is very overwhelming. The brain cannot take in all of these sensory signals. As a result, physical pain shoots throughout your body. You respond the only way your brain knows how, you scream and thrash, hoping that the pain will stop.

You are at school and find it difficult to function. You can read the entire book but can't tell the teacher what sound the letter "B" makes. You excel at puzzles but have little or no interest in playing with other children. You perceive one-on-one communication as a constant threat,

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understand personal space and emotion expressed in voices and body language. You may talk too long about one particular topic and not talk of anything else. You may not have the ability to answer a question and your only response is to repeat what is said to you. Phrases used make no sense to you, Johnny says, "That test was a piece of cake," and you picture him trying to eat his test. You exhibit repetitive behaviors like shaking your hands, snapping, or jumping in place when you get nervous or excited. Which seems like odd behavior and most people don't understand. All of this puts you on edge and you respond the only way you know how.

This is what 1 in every 110 children born may face, as that is the current prevalence of ASD's being diagnosed in the US. The challenges faced are extraordinary to fathom and yet many cases are much more severe than described here. 25% of patients diagnosed with an ASD do not have the ability to verbally communicate at all. Autism Spectrum Disorders are the fastest growing developmental disability. Annually the cost of care in the US is \$60 billion a year and estimated to grow to \$400 billion a year in ten years from now.

It is not known what the cause is, although there are many theories available. There is no cure. The statistics are overwhelming as ASD's are more prevalent than juvenile diabetes, AIDS and Down's Syndrome combined. Yet very few have a good understanding of what ASD's are.

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ADJUST YOUR PRIORITIES

It takes a little more time to develop a management attitude about your spending habits, and it's essential that you take control of your spending. The best way to do this is with budgeting. It's a good way to see where you are wasting your money. As a family exercise, account for every time money is spent. At the end of the month, you will probably have a real eye-opener! It's amazing how little things add up to BIG dollars!

AVOID THE CREDIT TRAP

Credit cards are good for convenience- many airlines and hotels won't take reservations without one. But be careful to avoid common pitfalls of "plastic money". Save your money and pay cash instead- it's the only way to win.

SET GOALS AND HAVE A PLAN

You can't reach your destination if you don't know what it is! What do you want out of your life and what are you trying to achieve? Setting goals gives you two things-an incentive to make sacrifices and benchmarks along the way to gauge your progress. After you set your goals and you decide where you want to go, you need a road map to lead you there! To reach your financial goals, you need to have a written financial game plan.



(above) June Lazaro, Primerica (2nd from left) is joind by Linden Chamber officers Angie Tsirkis, Courtney Villani & Janet Miller.

CONOCOPHILLIPS BAYWAY REFINERY HOSTS LINDEN EARTH DAY POSTER CONTEST

ConocoPhillips hosted a meeting of judges for the City of Linden's Earth Day Poster Contest at the company's Bayway Refinery Training Center on April 6th. The event was coordinated by Mary Purves, Chairperson, Linden Environmental Commission, and Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka. Two dozen representatives from local academic, business, community, and

government groups joined together to judge hundreds of unique and colorful posters submitted by Linden students in grades K through 12.

Winners will be announced and introduced to the public at the Linden City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 27th.

Photos Courtesy of Mary Phillips, ConocoPhillips Bayway Refinery.



(above) Mary Purves, Linden Environmental Commissioner and Event Co-Chair displays a unique poster entry.



(above, l-r) Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka admires a color entry with judge and Event Co-Chair, Angie Tsirkas of Northfield Bank.

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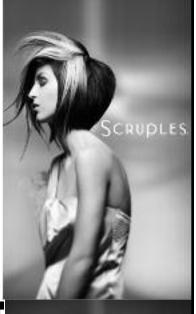
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Paul W. Werkmeister, long time resident and former Mayor has been chosen as Linden's 34th Annual Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. This award is bestowed annually by the Linden Department of Public Property and Community Services upon the Senior Citizen who displayed the most exceptional service to the community and his/her fellow seniors during the year.

Paul Werkmeister was born on August 6, 1923 in the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey. His family moved to Linden two short years later and Paul has been a Lindenite since. He is a proud graduate of School #6, Linden Junior High and Linden High School, class of 1941. During his Senior year, Paul lettered as a member of Coach Cooper's Football Team playing halfback and quarterback, and Coach Les Goodwin's Track Team as a pole vaulter.

Not long after graduation, Paul heard the calling of his country and joined the United States Army. He worked his way up the ranks to Sergeant in the 1st Army, 422nd Regiment, 106th Infantry Division. During the Battle of the Bulge, his regiment was captured and forced to march 80 miles before being placed into cattle cars and transported for 10 days without food or water to Stalag 4B, south of Berlin. He spent the next 4 months as a Prisoner of War until the Russian Army liberated the camp on April 23, 1945.

Returning home to Linden, Paul married his high school sweetheart and fiancé, Lucille Weiser, the daughter of then Linden City Clerk, Thomas J. Weiser, and settled in town to raise a three daughters: Karen, Janet and Ann; six grandchildren: Jennifer, Rebecca, Mariel, Paul Thomas, John Paul and Michael and three great grandchildren, Peyton, Dillon and Tatum.

Paul worked for Exxon USA Bayway Refinery and Exxon Marketing for 37 years, retiring in 1986 as a Senior Marketing Real Estate Representative. During this same time, Paul served his City as the Councilman of the Ninth Ward from 1958 to 1973 and as the City of Linden Labor Negotiator from 1974 to 1986. He was elected Mayor of the City of Linden and served from 1987 to 1990.

Paul is an active member of the New Jersey

family. Paul and Lucille are the proud parents of Chapter of the American Ex-prisoners of War, the Linden Moose, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 102 of the American Legion and was the founder of the Linden Coalition for Political Action. A regular at Linden City Council meetings, Paul was recommended for this honor because of his life-long dedicated service to the betterment of the City of Linden and its residents. He is a true Statesman of Linden.

> All Linden residents are invited to attend the celebration honoring Paul Werkmeister as Linden's Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year. Please join us on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the John T. Gregorio Recreation Center at 1:00pm. Refreshments will be served.



(above) Paul W. Werkmeister, Linden's 2010 Outstanding Senior Citizen of the Year enjoys a moment with his daughters (l-r) Ann, Karen, Paul and Janet.

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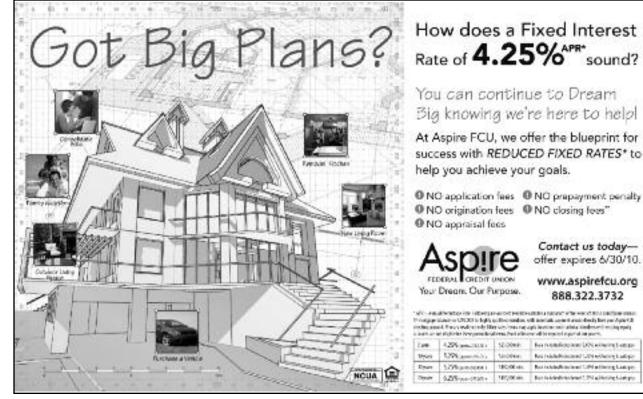


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(above, l-r) AARP Member, Linden Mayor Richard Gerbounka and AARP Linden Chapter Vice President, Steve Zielinski.

The AARP Linden Chapter # 1849 held a Haiti Relief Fund Drive during their monthly meeting at the Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard Terrace. The people of Haiti have been devastated after the earthquake disaster on Jan 12, 2010. These people are now living in tent cities with little food, fresh water and medical help. They will have many long term needs while rebuilding their country.

Michael Pileggi, the Chapter President, has asked all members to help these people by whatever means they can. The response and donations were outstanding.

The Linden Chapter of AARP has been helping those in need for many years. Members bring non perusable foods to all of the monthly meetings to be given to local food banks.

Blankets, sheets, infants outfits and monetary donations have been given to the Raphael House, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, for homeless pregnant women and their babies when born to help in their parenting skills and continuing

The knitting group has been making blankets and hats for newborn babies and distributing them to hospitals in the area

The Chapter meets every 4th Friday at 1:00 pm at the Linden Presbyterian Church, 1506 Orchard Terrace in Linden.. Anyone wishing to join may do so at any meeting.

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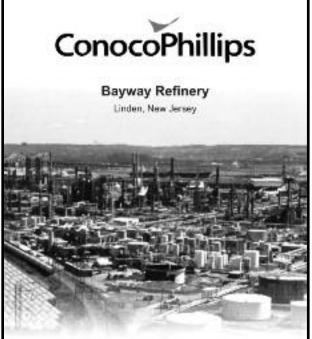
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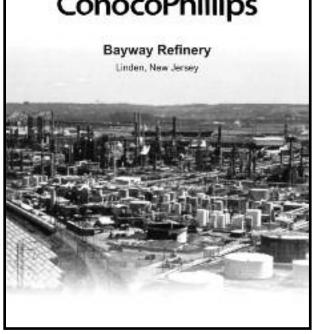
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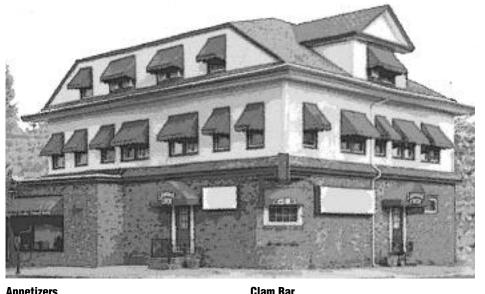
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Beer Battered Onion Rings w/ Ranch	\$6.95	Mussels Marinara (Dozen)	\$10.95
Disco Fries w/ Cheese & Brown Gravy	\$4.95		
French Fries	\$3.50	Calzones	
Basket of Homemade Potato Chips	\$3.50	Cheese (Extras \$1.50)	\$5.50
Garlic Knots w/ Sauce (6 pcs)	\$2.50		
Jalapeno Poppers	\$6.50	Stromboli	
		Each Comes With Peppers, Onions,	
Soups & Salads		Mozzarella Cheese & Sauce	
Soup of the Day - Cup or Bowl Ask You	ur Server	Plain	\$6.50
Crock of French Onion Soup	\$3.95	Meatball	\$7.95
Caesar Salad	\$7.95	Sausage	\$7.95
with Chicken	\$9.95	Chicken	\$8.95
with Shrimp (6 Grilled)	\$11.95	Ham, Salami & Capicola	\$7.95
House Salad	\$3.95	Cheese Steak	\$8.95
Choice of Dressing -		Vegetarian	\$7.95
Thousand Island, Ranch, Italian & Bleu	Cheese	(Peppers, Onions, Broccoli & Mushroo	oms)

Wings, Wingers & Fingers	
Linwood Jumbo Buffalo Wings, Hot, Medium or Mild w/ Celery & Bleu Cheese	\$8.50
Wingers - Boneless Chicken Breast Strips, Lightly Dusted then Fried,	
Served Hot, Medium, or Mild w/ Bleu Cheese, Celery & Carrots	\$8.95
Chicken Fingers Served w/ French Fries & Choice of Honey Mustard or BBQ Sauce	\$9.95
Buffalo Chicken Fingers Served Hot, Medium or Mild w/ French Fries & Bleu Cheese	\$9.95

Cold Subs	
Order By # Half	/ Whole
1. Ham, Salami, Cheese \$5.95	/ \$9.50
2. Turkey & Cheese \$5.95	/ \$9.50
3. Capicola, Genoa Salami & Provolone \$5.95	/ \$9.50
4. Tuna \$5.95	/ \$9.50
5. Roast Beef & Provolone \$5.95	/ \$9.50

Hot Subs and Sandwiches

	Half /	Whole
Italian Sausage Sub Smothered w/ Onions, Peppers, Cheese & Marinara Sauce	\$6.25 /	\$11.25
Philly Cheesesteak, Thinly Sliced Ribeye, Smothered w/ Onions, Peppers,		
Marinara Sauce & Cheese Sauce	\$7.75 /	\$12.50
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$5.95 /	\$8.95
Meatball Parmigiana	\$6.50 /	\$9.95
Beefeater - Roast Beef Dipped in au jus & Topped w/ Melted Cheddar Cheese,		
Sauteed Onions, & Mushrooms, served w/ Fries		\$8.95
French Dip w/ Melted Provolone & au jus, served w/ Fries		\$8.95
Chicken Parmesan - Breaded Chicken Breast Topped w/ Marinara Sauce		
& Melted Mozzarella, served w/ Fries		\$8.95
Grilled Chicken - Topped w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Mayo, served w/ Fries		\$8.95
Chicken Tuscany - Grilled Chicken Topped w/ Roasted Red Pepper, Melted Me	ozzarella,	
Lettuce, Tomato & Balsamic Vinegar, served w/ Fries		\$8.95
Grilled Cheese, Bacon & Tomato on Rye, served w/ Fries		\$6.95
BLT on Rye, served w/ Fries		\$6.95

Lettuce, Tomato & Balsamic Vinegar, served w/ Fries	\$8.95
Grilled Cheese, Bacon & Tomato on Rye, served w/ Fries	\$6.95
BLT on Rye, served w/ Fries	\$6.95
Brick Oven Pizza Pies Thin Crust Pies	
Plain Cheese Pizza	\$11.00
White Pizza (w/ Ricotta & Mozzarella Cheese, & Fresh Garlic)	\$13.95
Chef Dave's Super Pie (w/ Peppers, Onions, Pepperoni, Sausage & Mushrooms)	\$17.00
Vegetarian Super Pie (w/ Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms, Broccoli & Spinach)	\$16.00
Additional Pizza Toppings Available (All Toppings \$2.00 - 1/2 Toppings \$1.00)	
Extra Cheese, Pepperoni, Sausage, Meatballs, Bacon, Ham, Peppers,	
Mushrooms, Broccoli, Sauteed Spinach, Black Olives, & Fresh Garlic	
Plain Slices (additional Toppings \$.50 per Item)	\$1.75

Specialty Gourmet Pizza	
The Lone Cowboy (w/ Buffalo Chicken & Blue Cheese)	\$16.50
The Heart-Attack (w/ Pepperoni, Sausage, Meatballs, & Bacon)	\$17.50
Philly Cheese Steak Pizza (w/ Peppers & Onions)	\$16.50
The Aloha (w/ Pineapples & Ham)	\$13.95
Pizza Melanzana (w/ Eggplant Parmigiana & Ricotta Cheese)	\$14.50
Nonna's Pizza (w/ Fresh Tomato, Basil & Garlic)	\$13.95
Pizza Ala Vodka (w/ Vodka Sauce, & Mozzarella)	\$16.95

Flamed Grilled Burgers	
Hamburger w/ Lettuce, Tomato & Raw Onion	\$8.50
Cheeseburger, Choice of American, Swiss, Cheddar or Mozzarella Cheese	\$8.95
Pizza Burger Topped w/ Marinara Sauce & Mozzarella Cheese	\$8.95
Bacon Cheese Burger Topped w/ Thick Cut Crispy Bacon & Melted Cheddar C	Cheese \$8.95
Mushroom Swiss Burger Topped w/ Sautéed Mushrooms & Melted Swiss Chee	ese \$8.95
Jersey Burger Topped w/ Taylor Ham & American Cheese	\$8.95
California Burger Topped w/ American Cheese, Onion, Roasted Red Pepper &	Mayo \$8.95
Yosh's Specialty Burger Topped w/ Sautéed Onions,	
Sauteed Mushrooms & Cheddar Cheese	\$8.95