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BASKETBALL COURT DEDICATED TO COACH COLICCHIO

Submitted by Mike Colicchio

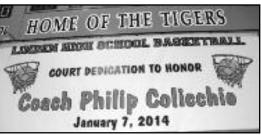
On January 7, 2014, in recognition of sixteen years of outstanding service to the City of Linden and the students that matriculated at Linden High School, the Linden Board of Education dedicated the basketball court at Linden High School to Coach Phil Colicchio.

A native of Elizabeth, the youngest of the three sons of Thomas and Beverly Colicchio has become one of the most successful coaches in Union County and New Jersey hoops history. From his high school playing days at St. Mary's and Elizabeth High School, where he was the point guard on the 1984 EHS Union County Championship team through his days coaching the Linden Tigers squad since 1998, he has dedicated his career to teaching young men how to be successful both on and off the court.

His coaching resume is substantial. His first coaching job was on the staff of his high school coach, the legendary Ben Candelino. As the Elizabeth High JV coach, he won eight Union County Championships. After a successful year as the head man at Barringer High School in Newark, the Linden Board of Education, Principal Joe Martino and Mayor John Gregorio convinced him that Linden was the right place to be. In sixteen years stomping the Linden sidelines he has won the only three Group IV State Championships in Linden history (2000, 2006 and 2007), five Group IV State Sectional Championships, seven Watchung Conference Championships and two Union County Championships both significant upsets over heavily favored St. Patrick's. He has won almost 450 games in his 25 years of coaching including 330 at Linden.

Phil brings much more to the table than meets the eye. As pointed out by MSG announcer Mike Ouick at the dedication ceremony, this level of success does not come without personal sacrifice. There were many times when his job and team came before his wife Laila and children Tommy, Alyssa and Gia. Dividing his time between his vocation and family is a





(above, l-r) Phil Colicchio with brother Mike and Tom.

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balancing act that is not always easy but is easily understood and accepted.

The reigning Union County Coach of the Year attributes his success to many. Coaches such as Jerry Moore and Bob Firestone with whom he worked at Elizabeth High, Linden officials such as the aforementioned and Al Volpe and Antoinette Modrak, players such as Desmond Wade, LJ McGhee, Jamaal Tate, Greg Parker, Danny Del Valle, Mo Wilkerson and Darryl Lampley, assistant coaches such as John Hutchinson, Marty Luc, Monte Brooks and Anthony Drejaj, the amazingly loyal fans of the Linden Tigers, his brothers Mike and Tom whom allowed him to tag along with them as a boy and his loving parents and wife all have been given credit for forging the man and coach that he has become.

As the only New Jersey coach and one of only three in the tri-state area to have received such an honor while still an active coach Phil has almost reached the pinnacle of his career. The 2013-2014 Linden squad is a very talented group that has set its sights on another Union County title and the ultimate prize, the New Jersey Tournament of Champions trophy. In Phil's words, he doesn't have a job; he has something he loves to do, something he is good at and has people that appreciate what he does. Titles and accolades aside, who could ask for more?



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MISSING GIRL LOCATED IN PENNSYLVANIA

Submitted by Captain James Sarnicki, Linden Police Department

On January 4, 2014 detectives from the police department's Juvenile Bureau travelled to Norristown, Pennsylvania, to bring home a 16 year old girl from Linden, reported missing on November 19th.

Police were notified by relatives of the missing girl who had heard from her the prior week. The girl indicated that she wanted to come home. During her absence, she was staying at an undisclosed location in Pennsylvania, and, at no time, did it appear that she was in any danger.

Upon arrival back in New Jersey, Miss Foley was turned over to the state Department of Children and Families (formerly DYFS).

The Linden Police Department wishes to thank the following agencies for their assistance:

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Mary Baker of Baker Tax & Accounting Services, LLC, will present "Ten tips on how to avoid a tax audit for small business" at the Linden Public Library on

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The seminar will give small business owners tips on preparing for the upcoming tax season and what deductions they may take.

If you are interested in attending, please sign up at our circulation desk, or call 908-298-3830. For specific questions on the program, please call 908-486-8131.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Linden Public Library will host a blood drive on

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(above, l-r) Joseph LaPlaca and Jay Dertinger, both volunteers at Linden Interfaith Network for Community Service (LINCS) receive a \$1,400 donation from Carolina Alvarez, Unity Bank Linden Branch Relationship Manger. Unity Bank and its employees will donated a total of \$21,000 to 15 food pantries in Central Jersey and Easton, Pa. in December, one service organization for each Unity branch.

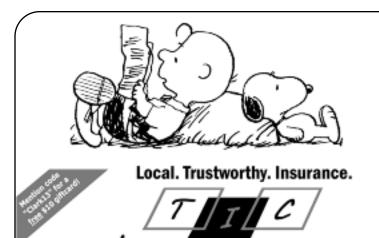
UNITY BANK DONATES \$1,400 TO LINCS

Unity Bank and its employees donated a total of \$21,000 to 15 food pantries in Central Jersey and Easton, Pa. in December, one service organization for each Unity branch.

The funds, which represent a 50 percent increase over the previous campaign, were donated by Unity Bank employees and matched by the bank as part of a special holiday community service project. The Linden Interfaith Network for Community Service (LINCS) received \$1,400.

"Particularly during the holidays, it's

important that we make every effort to support these important community organizations," said Unity Bank President & CEO James A. Hughes. "I am very proud of the generosity our employees displayed during this annual fundraising campaign as it speaks to their willingness to help the people in the communities where we do business. As a community bank, part of our mission is to support those less fortunate and this fundraising campaign is just one example of our commitment in this area."



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PHILLIPS 66 DONATES \$5,000 TO THE LINDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery's Good Neighbor Fund donated \$5,000 to the Linden Board of Education for the purchase of educational supplies and materials. This donation will be used for various items such as books, online software, positive behavior program materials, and other materials to enrich education for the students in the Linden elementary and middle schools.



(above, back row, l-r) Danny Robertozzi, Superintendent of Linden Schools; Lisa Barra, Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery Good Neighbor Fund Committee member; and Donna Preston, School No.1 Principal. (front row, l-r) Linden School No. 1 student representatives, Joshua Larrea, Colin Duque, Kiany Freyre, Ni'Jae Jackson, Tyreese Aikens with the Linden School No. 1 Tiger Mascot joining in the fun!

MATTHEW CRAWFORD SELECTED FOR NJ REGION II CHORUS

Matthew Crawford, a senior from Linden High School, has been selected to perform with New Jersey Region II Chorus sponsored by the New Jersey Music Educators Association.

Matthew was selected by audition from approximately 800 applicants from throughout central New Jersey for the second consecutive year. He will participate at a concert on January 26, 2014 at Monroe Township High School. Matthew is a member of the Linden High School Madrigals under the direction of Duane Cosby.



Photo by Linden High School

LINDEN TEACHER WILL PRESENT AT THE GOETHE-INSTITUT NEW YORK

Mary Turbett, German teacher at Linden High clubhouse in the park. Detective Lt. William School, was invited by the Goethe-Institut New York to be a presenter at a seminar of the German American Partnership Program (GAPP). The three-day seminar from January 17-19 will be attended by teachers from all across the country. Mrs. Turbett is helping prepare teachers, who are organizing a student exchange for the first time between their school and a school in Germany. The exchange is sponsored by GAPP.

"I'm looking forward to sharing some of my expertise and ideas with teachers from around the country who are about to offer their students an experience of a lifetime." said Mrs. Turbett.

Mrs. Turbett will be presenting a new component of the exchange, a group project. Linden's project was done in conjunction with the Linden Police Department this past October when nineteen German students and their teachers visited Linden. Linden High School students and their German partners worked on a community service clean- up project in which they spruced up the 8th Ward of Linden. Students painted over graffiti on a local business and an underpass, repainted an abandoned building, weeded the playground and painted a Turbett of the Linden Police Department organized the event.

"I liked doing the project, because in my opinion, it was a different way to bond with my partner and the others. We had to work together as a group, which shows some characteristics of people that only come out in situations like this. It was a fun experience. We need more projects like this so we can learn to work in teams and to give back to our community, both very important aspects of life." said LHS senior Krzysztof Buz.

GAPP is the largest and most successful bilateral student exchange program in the U.S. and the only short-term German-American exchange program ever to receive financial support from the U.S. federal government. The Goethe-Institut is Germany's global cultural center, with six locations in the U.S. alone. As a major promoter of the German language in North America, GAPP is one of the core activities of the Goethe-Institut.

Linden has had a successful exchange with a school in Butzbach, Germany since 2001. To date over 120 LHS students have visited Germany as exchange students.

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(above) School No. 4 students 5th grader Josiah Nievesand his little brother Pre-K student Julius Nieves take a tour of Italy while tasting some sweets. Photo by Linden School No. 4.

LINDEN YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION U-14 FLIGHT WINNERS

Congratulations to Coach Henry Sousa, Assistant Coach Luis Pachon, and Linden Youth Soccer Association's "Linden LFC Select" travel soccer team. They are the U-14 boys flight 5 winners for the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association. Making them now, back to back season flight winners. This season, the team had gone 6 straight games without being scored on. They are 8-0-1 this season. A combined 15-1-2 in the last two seasons. Your hard work shows and paid off! Great job boys and girls!



MODERN FOODS STUDENTS HOST FRENCH CHEF

A chef? Yes a Chef! Not often do we get to see people in their profession come to schools to inspire students with their work. On December 16th, 2013 the French/ Modern Foods students of Linden High School got to experience the culinary expertise of French Chef Philippe from Rendez-Vous restaurant in Kenilworth. The students gathered in the Modern Foods Classroom to make the traditional French holiday pastry; 'La Buche de Noël'. Bon-Appetit!

(right) French IV Honors student Justin Valentin, decorates a cake with help from Chef Philippe.

Photo by Linden French program







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BOY SCOUTS HONOR ANGIE TSIRKAS

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Baltustrol Golf Club in Springfield, NJ.

The Boy Scouts of America Tribute to Women Luncheon is an annual event by which the Boy Scouts honor outstanding women who serve as exemplary role models for the youth of our area through their vocations or avocations and who live their lives according to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. Through this event, funds are raised to support the award-winning child abuse prevention programs offered to the community at large by the Boy Scouts of America.

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busy year at the Friends of Linden Animal Shelter, one in which we have faced many challenges - some new, some familiar. In addition to our continuously stagnant economy, we've had to handle a number of necessary but ultimately costly endeavors, including facility repairs, special surgical and medical needs, and an influx of animals.

It should be noted that none of these obstacles could be addressed without the ongoing support from our animal loving community. Your donations make our operations possible. You provide the means for us to provide our pets with top quality vet care, and to purchase food, liter, and all the other little extras (like toys and special treats) that make the animals' stay at the shelter fell more like home. And for that we would like to take this opportunity to say thank

This year, we've had to replace three sets of stairs and two awnings in our facilities. For our safety and the safety of our animals, this was a crucial expense, and your donations have insured that we can do our jobs unhindered and without worry.

More importantly, we've had a lot of special needs cases this year that have required surgery, the attention of specialists, or both.

Max the cat, for example, required extensive nasal surgery for a fungal infection that was quickly eating away at the bones in his face. Similarly, Blue, the dog, also had a skin condition, though his was the result of severe allergies. And while it was heartbreaking to watch his adoption prospects decline because of these purely superficial issues, we were eventually able to treat and maintain his condition, too, and help him find a loving home.

Tessa and Mona, on the other hand, are two of our dogs that suffered from severe leg injuries, ranging from a torn ACL to a luxating patella.

We're fast approaching the end of another All of these conditions required significant surgery to rectify. We are happy to say that we had accrued enough donations to afford them and thus ease their pain, ensuring their ability to play and truly enjoy their little lives.

> One of our biggest problems, however, was the surge of cats and kittens. At this point, 2013 has brought FOLAS approximately 300 cats and kittens, which has resulted in exceptionally high vet bills due to a number of cats with respiratory issues, as well as the sheer volume of spays and neutering.

> Without your generous and continued donations, we would never have been able to both fix our premises and provide the level of specialty care crucial to the lives of some of our pets. Your compassionate generosity directly impacts the health and futures of our animals, as well as our ability to do our jobs safely, efficiently, and successfully. For this, Max, Blue, Tessa, Mona, and all the animals and volunteers at FOLAS with you, your families, and your pets a happy, healthy holiday season and the best of everything in the New Year.

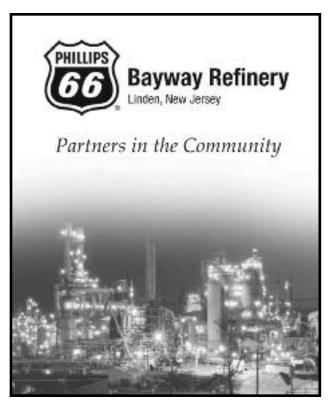
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The Linden High School NJROTC drill team split its forces November 23rd by sending one team to Jackson, NJ and the other to Bethel, CT. The Bethel group consisted of the Varsity Rifle, Academics, and Inspection team along with the new Cadet Drill Squad. The new cadets won 3rd

won an individual 3rd place medal in the air rifle competition.

At Jackson, in the unarmed division the team earned 2nd place in Unarmed Inspection, 3rd in Unarmed regulation Drill, and 3rd in Unarmed

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CO-ED MARITIME SCOUT TROOP SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

Sea Scout Ship 243 "Sea Horse" Linden NJ is recruiting new Sea Scouts. The general public is under the impression that Boy Scouts of America is only for boys. Well Linden Sea Scouts is showing them a new side that has beenin existence for several years.

A subdivision of BSA is the High Venturing Division which is Co-Ed. Ship 243 located on Tremley Point Road is the only Co-Ed Boy Scout Troop (Ship) in the New Jersey. Ship 243 is located in Linden, NJ at the Sea Scout Base. It is sponsored by the Martin Danaowski Detachment No. 196.

If you have a Youth between the ages of 13 to 21 that is interested in Boating and would like to start a career in the Maritime Industry Ship 243 is the place to start. The BSA Trained Officers are lead by License USCG Captain Bill Kerber a life long seaman. The Scouts will learn how to operate a 65' Vessel named "Sea Horse".

They will also learn in a classroom environment Navigation, Weather, Rules of the Road, Boating Safety and at the same time learn Boy Scouts of America Traditions. They will also advance in Scouting to one of Scoutings highest Award, "Quartermaster".

To learn more contact them at SeaScoutShip243@aol.com or Stop by the Marine Hall or Sea Base on S. Wood Avenue, Linden, NJ.

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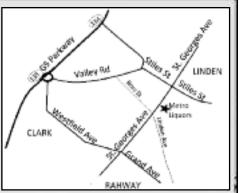


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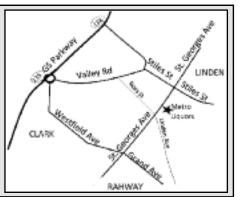
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