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PLOCINSKI FAMILY ARE 6-TIME CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE VOLUNTEER PUPPY RAISERS

It's hard to say goodbye....But Berkeley Heights volunteer puppy raiser Olivia Plocinski and her family are ecstatic that assistance dog Izzy III, who they've raised from an 8-week old puppy, is now a canine companion to a Massachusetts man with disabilities.

Canine Companions for Independence – a national non-profit organization providing highly trained assistance dogs for children and adults with disabilities – is proud to announce that Massachusetts resident Bill Lucey has recently received an assistance dog from Canine Companions for Independence.

Bill was matched with Izzy III, a two-year-old lab/ golden retriever cross who has been trained to respond to over 40 advanced commands. Izzy can turn light switches on and off, open and close doors and retrieve dropped objects. However, one of his most important jobs will be to provide constant companionship for Bill.

Much of the thanks for this successful match goes to Canine Companions for Independence volunteer puppy raiser Olivia Plocinski of Berkeley Heights. Olivia and her family are 6-time Canine Companions for Independence volunteer puppy raisers, currently raising puppy Burns. Olivia raised Izzy from an 8-week old puppy, and said goodbye to him after a year and a half. Olivia worked tirelessly with Izzy, teaching him basic commands, and the all-important socialization skills. When he was old enough to begin advanced training, Izzy was returned to the Canine Companions Northeast Regional Headquarters in Medford, New York where he worked for 6 months with the organizations nationally renowned instructors, learning over 40 advanced commands.

Bill and Izzy were matched after completing Canine Companion's recent Team Training Class, an intense, two-week course held at the organization's Northeast Regional Center– one of six such centers nationwide. The Northeast Regional Center serves a 13-state area from Maine to Virginia.

Each student who attends Team Training – held at each center four times a year – is paired with a fully trained, working assistance dog, like Izzy, and is taught to work with his/her canine companion. The training course consists of daily lectures, exams, practice and public outings.

Bill and Izzy are settling into a routine back home in Massachusetts. Bill says, "Izzy is a very special dog and I hope to have many wonderful years with him. I can't thank Olivia Plocinski and her family enough".

About Canine Companions for Independence: Canine Companions for Independence is the largest non-profit provider of trained assistance dogs with six regional training centers across the country, including CA, FL, OH, NY and TX, and has placed over 5,000 assistance dogs. Established in 1975, Canine Companions provides highly trained assistance dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities and is recognized worldwide for the excellence of its dogs, and the quality and longevity of the matches it makes between people and dogs. There is no charge for the dog, its training and on-going follow-up services. For more information, visit www.cci.org or call 1-800-572-BARK.



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(above) Bill Lucey and Izzy III

TAKE THE BERKELEY HEIGHTS GREEN COMMUNITY CHALLENGE PLEDGE!

Let us know that you are committed to protecting the environment by filling out this survey. You don't have to pledge to take every action, but we are counting on you to follow through with pledges you do make!

This is one of several initiatives put forth by the Environmental Commission in pursuit of Sustainable Jersey Silver Certification. We need at least 335 residents* to fill out this pledge, so please help us spread the word!

You can find the pledge here: https://goo.gl/forms/zKkxMHbg3ztVxm4K2 Please submit by May 1st, 2017 *Residents must be above the age of 18 to participate

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The Presbyterian Church at New Providence

VFW NAMES ANDREA MASRI TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Veterans of Foreign Wars N.J. District 5 (Union County) selected Andrea Masri as their Grammar School Teacher of the Year. She was unanimously nominated by VFW Post 6259, Berkeley Heights, for her program "Operation, We Remember", an interactive exchange between veterans and her Gifted and Talented students. Mrs. Masri will now vie with other candidates from all districts in New Jersey for the state title. Mrs. Masri had her students interviewed veterans from World War II through the current battles in the Middle East. The students' work culminated with both an assembly of students and faculty along with Berkeley Heights township officials and the Veterans Memorial Park Renewal Committee; and the publication of a hard bound book "Operation, We Remember". A copy of the book was presented to each participating veteran.



Berkeley Heights Gifted and Talented teacher Mrs. Andrea Masri was presented with the "Grammar School Teacher of the Year" award on March 15, 2017 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars N.J. District 5. (above) Frank Perlzak, Past Commander; Jerry Barter, Post Quartermaster; Ed Mueller, participating Veteran; Mrs. Andrea Masri; Tom Lombardi, Post Commander; Patricia Gasparini, Woodruff School Principal; and Steve4 Falk, Past Commander.

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BERKELEY HEIGHTS AUTHOR RELEASES 'CHRISTIANITY'S RELEVANCE FOR TODAY: A PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE'

By contemplating the author's own journey of faith, exploring the nature and essence of the Bible, the life and message of Jesus, the mission of the Church, and the relation between God, as the embodiment of love, the world and its great religions, "Christianity's Relevance for Today: a Personal Perspective", published by LifeRich Publishing, presents a vision of the essential relevance of the Christian faith to modern life in terms both personal and corporate, local and global.

In this book, author Russell C. Block, a Berkeley Heights resident, expresses the message of Christ for the world and explains the mission of the Church to bring reconciliation through relationship. Block approaches the Bible from a historical perspective, and interprets it for today, as the guide and impetus for the contemporary Church.

An excerpt from this book: What hope do we have as people of conscience, especially as Christians, for the world to be a better place? For people to behave differently—to be altruistic, self-sacrificing, cooperating with a sincere desire to help one another? Can we expect the Kingdom of God to come on earth?

Simply put, "Christianity's Relevance for Today: a Personal Perspective" provides a better understanding of Christianity and its relevance for the modern world. "I encourage ordinary people to join in, to discover God's messages for themselves, to appropriate his gifts in relationships and to work with people of all faiths to carry out God's mission of reconciliation, justice and peace."



(above) Rev. Russell C. Block, author of Christianity's Relevance for Today: a Personal Perspective, available at Amazon and Barnes & Noble.



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BERKELEY HEIGHTS HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM



(above) Act quickly, deadline to participate is April 12, 2017. For any questions or additional information, please visit BHMemorialPark.com or call 908-451-2058.

In honor of those in the United States Armed Forces who served our Country in the Persian Gulf War of 1990-91 and for all those who thereafter volunteered for military service to protect and defend us from global terror, we are a grateful nation.

Bravery is intangible and therefore no weapon ever designed can replace it."

General Omar Bradley

Dedicated by the People of the Township of Berkeley Heights, May 30, 2016



The Berkeley Heights Veterans Memorial Park Renewal Committee has launched its next phase of OPERATION: WE REMEMBER. This new project is entitled the BERKELEY HEIGHTS HOMETOWN HERO BANNER PROGRAM and is part of the committee's ongoing educational efforts to honor local veterans and those currently serving in the United States military. The banner program seeks to recognize those veterans (living or deceased) and active military who have lived in Berkeley Heights or currently reside or work here and have served in the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, or Coast Guard.

Those veterans living in the area that call VFW Post #6259 in Berkeley Heights their home post are also invited to participate. The banners will be hung along Springfield and Park Avenues leading to the newly. renovated Veterans Memorial Park.

Act quickly deadline to participate is April 12, 2017.

Last year the committee raised \$160,000 to completely renovate the park. The late Vito Mondelli, Jr., a Marine Corps Veteran, committee member, and lifelong resident donated the bronze statue entitled "Fallen Soldier." The community of Berkeley Heights embraced the park project, and along with generous grants from Union County, the Summit Area Public Foundation, Investors Bank Foundation, Smith Chiropractic Foundation, and support from Connect One Bank, the Connell Company, Dean's Greens Garden and Nursery Center, many local

businesses, all six schools, and numerous citizens, the new park has become a special place for the community. "A Time to Pause and Remember," is inscribed on the Memorial Wall which serves as a base for the five monuments honoring those who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, Southeast Asia/Vietnam, the Gulf War of 1990 and continuing battle against global terror.

The Hometown Heroes program was enthusiastically received and approved by Berkeley Heights Mayor Robert Woodruff and the Town Council. Banners will be produced by Lisa Barfield of Clearpoint Designs, who along with Detective Michael Hand brought the banner program to New Providence last year.

Thanks to the generosity of Berkeley Heights residents, there is no cost to participate. The banners will be displayed in the months surrounding Memorial Day and Veterans Day. Veterans, active military or a family member are invited to complete the participation form which can be found at BHMemorialPark.com. Forms are also available at Town Hall, the Library and Berkeley Hardware. A photo of the participant in military uniform must also be included. Forms and photos can be returned by email to:

BHHometownHeroes@gmail.com or by dropping off or mailing to: Berkeley Heights Town Hall, 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. For any questions or additional information, please visit BHMemorialPark.com or call 908-451-2058. DEADLINE FOR RETURN IS APRIL 12, 2017.







MEMORIAL PARK RENEWAL PROJECT

No veteran enters Berkeley Heights Veterans those who did not come home.

This past year, the Veterans Memorial Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. Renewal Committee met its initial goal of raising \$160,000 to upgrade, repair, and restore the park. Thank you to the hundreds of citizens, businesses, and friends of Berkeley Heights who contributed their time, money, and resources to this great project!

Although the Veterans Memorial Park underwent an extensive restoration, we still need financial assistance to help to maintain it, so it never loses its beauty nor its powerful impact. The Veterans Memorial Park Renewal Committee is asking residents, local businesses, and organizations for their financial support for the ongoing maintenance of the Memorial.

Your tax-deductible donation will, in a small way, honor each veteran who gave their life or a portion of their time to protect the freedoms that we value today.

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RECOGNITION OF DIETRICH BONHOEFFER BY LITTLE FLOWER ROMAN CATHOLIC AND FAITH LUTHERAN

On Sunday afternoon, March 19, Little Flower Roman Catholic Church of Berkeley Heights and Faith Lutheran Church of New Providence hosted a program at Little Flower regarding the extraordinary and dynamic life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He was a German Lutheran pastor, theologian and anti-Nazi dissident.

Dr. Katie Day, author and professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, presented the program. She teaches special classes and seminars at schools of higher learning throughout the country, regarding the multiple experiences of Bonhoeffer's productive life. She had the full attention of the audience throughout her presentation.

Dr. Bonhoeffer was a key founder of the Confessing Church and its most prominent voice. The Confessing Church was a movement within German Protestantism during Nazi Germany that arose in opposition to government-sponsored efforts to unify all Protestant churches into a single pro-Nazi Protestant Reich Church.

It has been said that no one spoke more



eloquently on behalf of the civil liberties of the liberation of the camps. Jews than Dietrich Bonhoeffer. He staunchly and publicly resisted the Nazi dictatorship, especially opposing Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews.

Bonhoeffer was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo, imprisoned at the Tegel Prison and later transferred to a Nazi concentration camp. After being associated with the plot to assassinate Hitler, he was quickly tried, along with other accused plotters, and executed shortly before the

Bonhoeffer's writings on Christianity's role in the secular world are widely influential. His book, The Cost of Discipleship, has become a modern classic and is required reading in seminaries around the world.

The program was one of a series of programs that Faith Lutheran, Berkeley Heights and Little Flower, New Providence are jointly conducting during 2016 and 2017 in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation.



(above l-r) From left, Rev. Andy Prachar of Little Flower, Dr. Katie Day of Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary, Rev. Jane McCready of Faith Lutheran, Margaret Manning, Pastoral Associate of Little Flower.



JAZZ FESTIVAL TO BENEFIT **ST. JOSEPH SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER - APRIL 29**

A one night Jazz Festival to benefit St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, 8 p.m., Union Catholic High School Auditorium

1600 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ.

This event is a jam-packed evening of high quality jazz entertainment, presented by five musicians and three singers, all of whom are outstanding talents in jazz," America's music." Consider buying your tickets soon, supporting both live jazz and a most worthy non-profit organization...and treating yourself to a wonderful evening of entertainment. The show will be approximately two hours, not including the intermission. General admission is \$25, Premium Ticket is \$40.

Tickets can only be obtained through Brown Paper Tickets. Order online AOneNightJazzFestival.brownpapertickets.com or by phone (1-800-838-3006 Ext. 1), and pay by credit card or PayPal.

You can receive your tickets by the method of your choice: physical tickets by mail, printable file emailed to you to print out, through mobile devices, or will-call (held at the gate.) For

questions about the show or the performers, email Bob at fairwayproductions@att.net.

If you care to inquire about becoming a sponsor of the event, contact Phil Michel at pmichel@sjeliz.org.

To make a donation to support the work of St. Joseph's www.sjeliz.org. Please do not call St. Joseph's or Union Catholic High School for show tickets or information.

Tickets at the door, if still available, are the same price. Cash only, please. The doors open at 7:15 pm.

ABOUT ST. JOSEPH'S SERVICE CENTER

Since 1983, St. Joseph's has served the materially poor and homeless community of greater Elizabeth, New Jersey, by providing basic human needs such as food, clothing and medications, as well as a wide range of services and programs to help them acquire the material goods and social services they need to live with integrity. St. Joseph's is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.

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ALLISON SALVETTI TO COMPETE IN THE "OLYMPICS" OF IRISH DANCE

Allison Salvetti, a Berkeley Heights resident Scotland. and a sophomore at Governor Livingston High School, will compete in The World's Irish Dance Competition. Allison will travel to Dublin, Ireland this April where she will represent the Mid-Atlantic Region competing against dancers from around the world. This is her 2nd time qualifying and competing. Last year she attended the World's Irish Dance Competition in Glasgow,

Allison has studied Irish Dance for 11 years and dances with The Marie Moore School of Irish Dance located in Scotch Plains. Allison is also a member of the Senior Ladies 8 hand Ceili team that will also be competing at Worlds. Allison looks forward to her first trip to Dublin, Ireland and is excited to represent her school and region in the "Olympics" of Irish Dance.

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Participants will be guided through a realworld assessment of their business idea and market feasibility as well as their own ability to handle the demands of business ownership. The steps to opening a business in New Jersey, choosing a legal structure, developing a business

plan and establishing cost, revenue and cash flow projections will be addressed in a variety of interactive exercises.

"Being a business owner is hard work and this workshop is equally demanding," says Erich Peter, UCEDC's Director of Training. "But we're going to work with you both in and outside of the classroom to make sure that the class material is relevant to your specific needs. And, we stick with our graduates for 12 months, providing free mentoring and counseling services."

Entrepreneurship 101 is a component of UCEDC's Entrepreneurial Training Initiative, an ongoing small business training effort, offered in partnership with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority.

Registration is now open for Entrepreneurship 101. Complete information can be found on the UCEDC website at www.ucedc.com or by calling 908-527-1166.





BABY GOATS, A STILT BAND, GAMES AND CRAFTS.....AND DAFFODILS!

Celebrate spring, and Earth Day, with a "host of golden daffodils," as poet William Wordsworth wrote, at Reeves-Reed Arboretum and enjoy one of the largest daffodil collections in New Jersey, Sunday, April 23, from 11 am to 4 pm. The collection, planted in the Arboretum's glacially carved 'kettle' or bowl, was started in the early 1900s by the original owners of the property, the Wisners. Today the collection boasts more than 50,000 bulbs and Daffodil Day has become one of the most eagerly anticipated signature events at the Arboretum bringing visitors from all over the tri-state area.

Everyone always seems impatient for spring, but daffodil peeking is only one part of the festivities. With Daffodil Day on the heels of Earth Day, The Arboretum staff, headed by Director of Children's Education Jackie Kondel, and Environmental Educators Lisa Martin and Althea Llewellyn, will host a day's worth of wonderful, family-friendly activities such as an outdoor farmer's market with vendors and food trucks, and "green themed" crafts and games for all. A special treat this year will be the return of the Bond Street Theatre's Shinbone Alley Stilt Band. This internationally renowned dynamic



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Professional photographer, Bruce Lorenz, an Arboretum favorite, will be on hand to take those special family photographs, and be sure to chat with fabric artist Alice Rudell, one of our featured artists in the current exhibit in the Wisner House Gallery, HOOKED ON NATURE: hooked & sewn art, as she offers insights to the unique artistry of hooking and sewing recycled materials into wondrous pieces of art.



BUSINESS SYSTEMS ANALYST & ASSOCIATES - BUSINESS ANALYTICS NEEDED:

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Mail resumes to Axtria, Inc. Attn: Human Resources, 400 Connell Dr., Ste 1300, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922. So mark your calendars for Sunday, April 23, from 11 am to 4 pm for Daffodil Day. And be sure to visit with our newest brood of baby goats, honored and welcomed special guests to each and every spring festival here at Reeves-Reed Arboretum. Thanks to underwriting by our partners at Investors Savings Bank, Daffodil Day is free to all RRA members. The admission for nonmembers is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. Not a member? Now's the time to sign up! For more information about Daffodil Day and other events and workshops at Reeves-Reed Arboretum, please visit our website at www.reevesreedarboretum.org or call 908-273-8787 x 1515.



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CASA'S CHARITY 5K RUN/1M WALK IS MAY 7

Join the race to reach all of Union County's foster youth

crucial steps to change the life of an abused, neglected or abandoned Union County child placed in foster care: On Sunday, May 7, 2017, CASA of Union County will host its third annual Foster the Dream 5k Run and 1 Mile Walk at Oak Ridge Park in Clark to raise awareness of the need for community volunteers to serve as Court Appointed Special Advocates, and to raise funds for expanded recruitment and training efforts.

The race course is USATF-certified and trophies are given to the first-place female and male finishers, as well as runners in the following brackets: 10 and under, 11-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+. In addition, participants can try their luck at various raffles --- tickets are \$5 — and enjoy such post-race sustenance such as fruit, bagels and water. Whether a serious runner, a speed-walker or simply looking to stroll with friends and family — this race for a reason promises fun for all, and helps vulnerable youth right in your own community!

Life in foster care and the road to it is no walk in the park, but your walk or run in the park can change that. Two-thirds of Union County foster youth still need a CASA volunteer, and your

Lace up your sneakers and take simple but participation brings CASA of Union County closer to remedying that by providing a committed advocate for every youth that needs one. Appointed to a case by a family judge, trained CASA volunteers serve foster youth by advocating in court and the community to ensure their needs are met and best interests remain priority. They are court-empowered to speak with the youth's teachers, doctors, therapists, foster parents, caseworker, attorney and more, and then report findings to the judge.

> Race check-in and packet pick-up begins 7:30 am race day; the 1 mile walk starts at 9 am and the 5k at 9:30 am. Award presentation and raffles begin at 10:30 am. Performance race shirts are guaranteed to all paid registrants through April 25. Registration is \$25 to run and \$20 to walk; \$5 more after April 15. Children under 10 run or walk for free!

> Ready? Set. Go register yourself, your family and your friends at www.fosterthedream.org, taking the first steps toward changing the life of an abused, neglected or abandoned child from Union County! Contact Jen Mutch, race chair and CASA board president, at (917) 453-5415 or jcdowntown@hotmail.com with questions.

HEARING SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Hearing Society is pleased to announce that it is currently accepting applications to its Sarah H. McGhee and Katherine Schmidt Memorial Scholarship funds for the school year 2017-2018. These scholarships provide financial assistance to high school graduates who have documented hearing loss and have been accepted into accredited two-year colleges or vocational schools (\$2,000) or four-year colleges or universities (\$4,000). A special characteristic of these awards is that they are renewable for one to three years for the student providing satisfactory grades are maintained.

Application forms are available on request by

contacting Mrs. P. Hanigan, Scholarship Wyoming Chairperson, 1213 Avenue, Mountainside, NJ 07092, or by phoning her at 908 232 4512 (voice). Applications must be submitted no later than May 19, 2017.

The Hearing Society is a not-for-profit organization that has served people with hearing impairments in Union County since 1932. The society also sponsors a class in speech (lip) reading at the First Baptist Church in Westfield, and welcomes interested people from the area to attend. For more information about the Society, contact Alice Knecht, 908-688-8241 (voice), or online at alirobkn@aol.com.





Celebrating Our 46th Year Anniversary

STIRLING'S STREET FAIR SET FOR APRIL 23RD

On Sunday, April 23, 2017 the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Annual Stirling Street Fair. The event will be held on Main Avenue between Mercer and Somerset Streets from 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

The street will be transformed into a giant town block party. We are expecting to attract thousands of people from the community and other neighboring towns. We hope that you'll consider joining us and we look forward to seeing you.

Our special Kids Traveling Shindig section will be brimming with all kinds of fun stuff to do. There will be mechanical kiddie rides, pony rides, petting zoo, climbing wall, clowns, face painting, sand art, temporary tattoos, live entertainment and much more.

Come Hungry! We have all kinds of delicious foods being served including pizza, burgers, fried, hot dogs, pulled pork, sausage & peppers, steak sandwiches, tacos, ice cream, lemonde, zeppoles & funnel cakes and more.!

Shopping! This festival will feature over 100

exhibitors selling new items, crafts and collectibles. If you like shopping outdoor then this is the place to be. Also, stop by the many sponsor booths to see what goodies they are giving away for free.

Entertainment! Don't miss the hot show we have planned with live music, dance and demonstrations from the local dancing schools, karate clubs and more. There will be chairs set up so you can relax, eat and enjoy the show all day long.

Local Shops and organizations please call JC Promotions for more info on how you can participate at a discounted rate..

Take a train to the fair! You can take the NJ Transit Train to the Stirling Station and you will be at the street fair. The detour route is Passaic Ave. and Somerset Street. Parking is available at the Train Station lot, and the side streets. Enter the area from Valley Road on Warren Ave. or Passaic Ave. We hope that you'll consider joining us and we look forward to seeing you.

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