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Yonkers Chamber Honors Women in Business



Chamber Women in Business Honorees include, from left, Beth Fitzgerald, Patricia Tursi, Linda Bohan and Christina Gilmartin. Photo by Donna Davis.

The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business Committee's 24th annual Women of Excellence Luncheon was held March 30 at The Fairways at Dunwoodie Golf Club, where hundreds gathered to congratulate this year's distinguished winners for 2015:

Beth Fitzgerald, chief financial officer for Sound Associates, received the Entrepreneurial Award; Patricia Tursi, president and CEO at Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, received the Above and Beyond Award; Christina Gilmartin, com-

munications director for the City of Yonkers and Mayor Mike Spano, received the Business Professional Award; and Linda Bohan, community advocate and volunteer for numerous causes, received the Thomas J. Caramadre Jr. Humanitarian Award.

These worthy recipients have all made important contributions that have enriched the business and humanitarian life in the City of Yonkers, and the impressive list of their successful efforts was a highlight of this luncheon. The committee once

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State Budget Gives YPS Additional \$20 Million

By Dan Murphy

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and members of the State Senate and Assembly came to an agreement on a state budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year that provides additional funding to the Yonkers Public Schools.

The governor had proposed in his budget an \$11.6 million increase for YPS; an additional \$8.4 has been secured by the state delegation from Yonkers, including Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Sen. George Latimer and Assemblymember Shelley Mayer.

The total additional increase to YPS from the state will be \$20 million. Included in that figure are monies that were restored as a result of the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The GEA, which was passed in 2010, cut state aid and education aid to many school districts, including Yonkers.

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada had requested an additional \$8 million (in addition to the \$20 million) to restore some programs and provide new services and YPS initiatives. A new teachers' contract may be within reach during this budget cycle, which will end July 1. Some of the \$20 million in additional state aid for education may have to be used to pay for the contract.

City Council discussions on the budget will begin in earnest when Mayor Mike Spano

submits his proposed budget next week.

Yonkers Assemblymember Shelley Mayer last week announced that the 2016-17 New York State Budget passed last Friday includes significant benefits to Yonkers residents – and residents across New York – including a substantial increase in funding for Yonkers Public Schools, a gradual increase in the minimum wage, a paid family leave program to ensure workers can care for their families, and a commitment to investing in our local roads and infrastructure.

"This year's budget represents a tremendous step forward," said the Democrat. "I am pleased it includes a very significant investment in YPS and path-breaking policy changes that will help all New Yorkers."

Education Highlights

The 2016-17 state budget provides a record level of education funding for schools by ending the Gap Elimination Adjustment, increasing foundation aid targeted for high-needs districts like Yonkers, and providing additional funding for the schools that serve our most vulnerable children with special needs. Yonkers Public Schools will receive more than \$277 million in total state school aid, an increase of more than \$20 million – or almost 8 percent – from last year.

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Yonkers Man Thanks YFD For Saving His Life



Yonkers resident Michael Cipullo with Yonkers firefighters from Engine 313 who saved his life, including John Braun, David Daoud and Miles Moloney, and Lt. Thomas Hewitt.

Yonkers resident Michael Cipullo visited Yonkers Fire Department Engine 313 last week to thank Yonkers' bravest for saving his life last month after he suffered a heart attack. Congratulations to the men of Engine 313 on a job well done!

On Feb. 11 of this year, Cipullo was in the Irish Mini-Mart at 821 McLean Ave. when he had a heart attack. Engine 313, located on Kimball Avenue, was dispatched to the scene. The crew quickly assessed the situation, shocked him with an automated external defibrillator to the victim

and began CPR. Empress Ambulance Company and Yonkers police arrived on the scene while Engine 313 continued CPR and assisted with patient packaging.

Cipullo was transported to Lawrence Hospital for further care. He is now improving and recently celebrated his birthday. Last week he wanted to meet those responsible for saving his life.

On March 25, he visited Station 13, where he met with Lt. Thomas Hewitt, and firefighters Jonathan Braun, Miles Moloney and David Daoud.

Palisade Prep Introduces Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Palisades Prep Valedictorian Xavier Manuel and Salutatorian Sathi Rahman. Photo by Bayan Baker.

Kicking off this year's Yonkers Public Schools valedictorian and salutatorian highlights, Palisade Preparatory School congratulates two students on their academic accomplishments. Valedictorian Xavier Manuel completes his high school year with a grade-point average of 95.6 and Salutatorian Sathi Rahman completes her second year at Palisade

Prep, having transferred from Bangladesh at the start of junior year, with a 94.6 GPA.

Xavier, who said there are many amazing teachers at his school, said he is truly grateful for the music and forensic programs at Palisade Preparatory. He said his most memorable teachers are William Olenick who teaches

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Community Service Awards Bestowed on Seniors



Community Service Award honorees include Jesan Spencer, Mary Mullady, Robert Anthony, Angela Morris, Ann Kachmar, Joan Frutkin, Maria Miehle, Ed Nash and Sara Dennehy, pictured here with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and City Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino.

Congratulations to this year's deserving recipients for Mayor Mike Spano's 2016 Community Service Awards.

Mayors Day of Recognition for National Service is a day that mayors across the country applaud the countless efforts of volunteering seniors in local communities. We are honored and proud to have these nine special individuals at the forefront of our community outreach programs here in Yonkers.

Honorees include: Jesan Spencer of Volunteer New York!, Mary Mullady of WCOP – Foster Grandparent Program, Robert Anthony of Westchester Library Services, Angela Morris of Family Service Society of Yonkers, Ann Kachmar of St. John's Riverside Hospital, Joan Frutkin of JCY-Westchester Community Partners, Maria Miehle of the Hudson River Museum, Ed Nash of Ride-Connect, and Sara Dennehy of St. Joseph's Medical Center.

YOHO Artists Prepare for Yonkers Arts Weekend

Along the long narrow corridors of the YOHO Artist's Studios complex housed in the historic Alexander Smith Carpet Mills, newly designated the Carpet Mills Arts District, visitors will chance upon a door adorned with a banner heralding the symbol of infinity.

Upon entering they will be greeted by a waft of incense and vintage music from an aging vinyl friendly turntable. The art, antique Kimbell Organ with tiered keyboards and a visual cacophony of paintings, sculpture, collages and drawings scattered over every inch of available wall space.

Michael Cuomo, 41, a native of Yonkers, has now been seriously pursuing his art since 2002. He said he believes that "being an artist is having divine fellowship with your creator." Cuomo is also involved with drawing and painting workshops for the elderly at five separate community and senior centers throughout Yonkers.

He has recently self-published a coloring book titled "Soufflakes," which is available at Amazon.com, Lulu.com and www.michaelcuomoart.com. He explained that he read that "concentration on coloring facilitates the replacement of negative thoughts."



YOHO artist Michael Cuomo at his Yonkers studio. Behind him is a recent painting, "Crystal Pool of My Heart," a 4-by-4-foot oil on Plexiglas piece.

Cuomo is among the 60-plus YOHO artists that will open their studio doors to the public for the 13th annual YOHO Artists Open Studio taking place the weekend of May 14 and 15 at 540 and 578 Nepperhan Ave. This is a free event coinciding with Yonkers Arts Weekend.

CSEA Wants a New Contract



Members of Yonkers CSEA Local 9169 want a new contract.

Editor's note: Yonkers CSEA Local 9169 President Lionel Turner submitted the following letter concerning his members working without a contract for the past three years.

Dear Mayor Mike Spano, City Council Members, Board of Trustees and Dr. Edwin Quezada:

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the 1,500 CSEA 9169 members and their families that I have been given the honor to represent. CSEA 9169 is composed of the most hardest and dedicated workers this city has. They are the backbone of the Yonkers Public Schools District's education and functions. They are the nurses, clerks, aides, technology (specialists), maintenance (workers), custodians, bus monitors, safety officers and food service workers. They come to work every day, most as unsung heroes doing in part the job that goes unappreciated, until their tasks are not completed - then their true importance is announced.

Ninety percent of our work force live, work and shop in Yonkers. Most have been Yonkers residents for generations, having attended Yonkers schools, met their lifelong friends and loved ones there, sent their children and grandchildren to attend school there, as well. Our members are invested in this City of Yonkers with no possible comparison. Our members are Yonkers!

I am duty bound to represent and make sure the demands and needs are met by such a dedicated and hardworking work force. Currently, CSEA 9169 workers are working without a contract. It would be three years without a raise for workers who have a huge responsibility: the care, protection and education of our future - the children, the students of Yonkers. It is even more imperative when you factor in the salaries of such a workforce.

CSEA 9169 members of Yonkers Public Schools live on meager salaries. The average salary of our members is \$26,000 a year. For example, our full-time school aides whose duties are immeasurable receive \$12.13 an hour, our food service workers who feed our children receive \$12.13 an hour, our bus monitors who are out first thing in the morning (6:30 a.m.) picking up our children and guaranteeing the travel to and from school receive \$22 per run.

There is more value placed on paying a fast food worker a living wage, than on those whose sole responsibility is the care of our children; our future. That is a shame and it is disgraceful. Our safety officers, custodians, technicians, clerks and maintenance all contribute to a school district that could not function without them showing up to work and performing their duties at a high functional level. These are the

women and men who perform herculean tasks on a day-to-day basis to ensure the safety, security and well-being of our children while serving Yonkers Public Schools.

I have firsthand knowledge of the role our members play in maintaining the schools and, yes, formally/ informally teaching and guiding all 27,000 students. These women and men love and appreciate their jobs. The way they perform it is nothing short of exemplary.

As so-called leaders of this city and school district, it is your responsibility to take care of the CSEA 9169 workforce. It is a slap in the face, it is arrogant, it is disgraceful knowing the importance and dedication of CSEA 9169, that you have not given a raise and a real living wage to people who you live next to, shop next to, see at the local gas station and who take care of your children and family members. For the record, it is unfair, unjust and morally wrong not to match the members of CSEA with a decent living wage increase to the work they do.

Did we complain when the city commissioners received raises over 5 percent? Did we speak out against the part-time City Council members who received raises over 20 percent? Did any CSEA member mismanage funds? No. Didn't CSEA 9169 members endorse Mayor Spano while in the Assembly, as well as support his first and second mayoral elections? Yes. To balance the budget on the backs of working poor, taxpayers and citizens is a crime.

When we receive a raise, we essentially pay for it just by being taxpayers and residents. For example, the recent sales tax increase affected our members while shopping in Yonkers. Have the leaders of this city become so parochial that they hide behind numbers that don't correlate to human beings and the basic well-being of its citizens? Does anyone acknowledge that all of this is interconnected? Are we so removed from reality that we lack the understanding that when you open stores and restaurants, build malls, etc., people need a basic living raise in order to patronize new businesses and more importantly to keep up with the increases of food, clothing and housing?

Henry Ford once said, "I will pay my people enough money to buy my car." Political economics 101.

What I am saying is: If no one will stand with us, we must and will stand up for ourselves.

Fannie Lou Hammer once said, "We are sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Join us in raising these imperative issues and others. Please call the CSEA 9169 office at 914-378-4084 and join us to promote accountability, transparency and a fair contract.

Tech Central Coming to Yonkers Public Library



"As I looked back at our Earth from the orbital perspective, I saw a world where natural and man-made boundaries disappeared."
- Ron Garan, astronaut

Tech Central, a new state-of-the-art digital learning commons, will celebrate its grand opening at the Riverfront Library on Wednesday, May 4. The new 2,000-square-foot space includes a digital recording studio, a makerspace outfitted with 3D printers, and a large training room featuring a range of presentation and printing technologies.

Tech Central will offer programs and training opportunities that will serve thousands of residents of Yonkers and the surrounding area each year.

"With technology changing so quickly, having a place that can keep our patrons ahead of the curve is so important," said Board President Nancy Maron. "This space will be exciting both for kids who are digital natives and for first-time digital learners, who may need basic skills to navigate the Internet or apply for a job."

Tech Central was made possible with support from the City of Yonkers and grants from a variety of state and federal sources.

"This great space is a reality thanks to the Mayor's Office, the Planning Department and the members of our New York State delegation - all of whom have been outstanding partners in helping the Yonkers Public Library offer access to cutting-

edge technologies and training for patrons of all ages and skill levels," said Library Director Ed Falcone.

The grand opening of Tech Central will be celebrated throughout the afternoon and evening of May 4, with events at the Riverfront Library to include tours, demonstrations and an opportunity to meet an astronaut from 3:30 to 5 p.m.; a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by Mayor Mike Spano at 4 p.m.; and an evening fundraiser from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

A Starry Night, a library-hosted gala, will feature hors d'oeuvres by Peter Kelly's X2O Restaurant, drinks, and live music by Grammy-nominated bassist Jonathan Maron and his trio.

Yonkers native, Roosevelt High School alumnus and International Space Station astronaut Ron Garan will be the guest of honor at both the events and the fundraiser. Since leaving NASA, he has travelled the world sharing his knowledge of science and technology to advance numerous humanitarian and environmental projects.

Tickets to the evening fundraising event are \$75 and are available at ypl.org/starrynight. For information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Maron at nmaron@wlsmail.org.

Science Barge to Open April 9 for the Season



Mayor Mike Spano welcomed everyone to the Science Barge's opening last year.

Get your spring on at the season opening of the Science Barge on Saturday, April 9. The Barge is celebrating its eighth year on the waterfront in downtown Yonkers with an afternoon of revelry. The fun starts at noon, with Mayor Mike Spano set to cut the ribbon at 2 p.m.

Festivities will include super-high kite-flying, boomeranging and stilt walking with Flyin' Brian Cavallaro; live music; giant wearable puppets courtesy of Puppeteers' Cooperative; hunting for glass eels; Jonathan Ellers' "Museum Theatre" interactive performance; Yonkers High School Robotics Team demonstrating its latest creation; Legos on the Hudson; artsy crafts and potting activities; outdoor

games for kids sponsored by LL Bean; hands-on science stuff; a ConEdison Energy bike challenge; light refreshments; and walk-on tours from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Science Barge is a prototype sustainable urban farm and environmental education center on the Hudson River. The Barge greenhouse grows an abundance of fresh produce, from climbers like melons and tomatoes to lettuces and herbs, with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides and zero runoff. All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines and bio-fuels, while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by captured rainwater.

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Female YPD Cop to Shave Head to Fight Cancer

The Yonkers PBA will host a fundraiser for the St. Baldrick's Foundation, an all-volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives, on April 10 at 1 p.m. at Yonkers Brewing Co., 92 Main St.

To date, 50 volunteers, comprised mostly of Yonkers police officers, have joined the team and will have their heads shaved in solidarity with kids fighting cancer, while raising money from friends and family. This year for the first time, a female member of the Yonkers Police Department has volunteered to shave her head.

Det. Jackie Estevez, a 10-year veteran of YPD, has proudly joined in the battle against childhood cancer. In addition, Jackie will be donating her long locks to a charity group (www.hairweshare.org) who uses donated hair to create wigs for individuals affected by medical hair loss. To donate to the St. Baldrick's Foundation on Jackie's behalf, visit www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/862496/2016.

Over the last six years, the Yonkers PBA has raised almost \$450,000 to help conquer child-



YPD Detective Jackie Estevez

hood cancer. So far this year it has raised more than \$32,000 through its fundraising efforts. To volunteer or to donate, visit www.stbaldricks.org/events/YonkersPBA2016.

This, Too, is Mail Bag Time

By Eric W. Schoen

Via Facebook and email, I hear from so many readers of this column. It's lots of praise and plenty of criticism. I try to respond timely to emails – even the reader who called me a “misogynist” after a column about Hillary Clinton. (Note: That's a big word to toss at someone from Yonkers!)

I can't solve every problem (i.e. the reader who complained that the fast food restaurant Checkers would not serve him water with his meal), but I take your comments and thoughts seriously. I encourage those who agree or disagree with me to make their voices heard through a Letter to the Editor of this newspaper. (Send it to risingmediagroup@gmail.com.)

Now to the mailbag...

Race for the White House

As New York prepares to take part in the selection of Democratic and Republican candidates for president, many readers feel the nominating process is a joke. The weekly televised debates are an embarrassment with little discussion of the issues and more of a personality contest taking place.

The Democratic Party always uses a proportional method for awarding delegates. The percentage of delegates each candidate is awarded represents the percentage of votes they receive at the caucus or the number of votes they get in the primary.

The Republican Party, unlike the Democratic Party, allows each state to decide whether to use the winner-take-all method or the proportional method. In the winner-take-all method, the candidate whom the majority of caucus participants or voters support receives all the delegates for that state.

Many feel there needs to be uniformity to the process nationwide.

As the New York Legislature gets ready to wrap up its session, it's time our state gets with the program and allows early voting to take place. Thirty-two states do; New York State is 48 out of 50 states in voter turnout. This number is a disgrace. Voting by mail and online and same-day registration need to be considered and approved.

I am in favor of voters being required to show identification at the polling place before they vote, as long as sufficient time is given for voters to obtain identification from their local boards of election or satellite offices close to home, and that the identification document is free of charge.

Parking and Driving

Attention, New Rochellites, and those who pass through the city: Red light cameras have reached the Queen City of the Sound. Like Mount Vernon, New Rochelle has signage at the approach to intersections with red light cameras, alerting motorists to their existence – unlike the city of Gracious Living, dear old Yonkers, which does not.

Write about red light cameras and the email floodgates open wide. Folks realize they are money generators and are not for safety, despite what those in charge may say.

An article in the Journal News on the introduction of new parking meter zones in Yonkers relays that our elected officials would have us believe the purpose of the new meters is to encourage turnover of cars in the parking spaces. Astute readers have pointed out that the meters are simply to increase revenue. I agree!

Passports for Groceries

Readers have told me about being asked for



Eric W. Schoen

their passport when going to the ACME store in Bronxville to buy \$50 worth of groceries with their credit card. I didn't believe them but it happened to me the other day.

Who brings their passport to the grocery store? The lady in front of me in line told the cashier she doesn't sign her credit cards so that the cashier will ask for identification as a safety measure. In our technologically-sophisticated world, someone has to come up

with a payment system that is secure and doesn't require you to bring your passport and first born child when picking up pineapples.

And what's up with that chip system some stores use and others don't?

Parking at Ridge Hill

The parking mess at Ridge Hill is always a favorite topic for readers. Apparently, parking was incorporated in the lease agreements for various stores; there is two and a half hours of free parking at the Cheesecake Factory, one and a half hours at Whole Foods, and no discount at the Yard House nor most of the other stores at Ridge Hill.

By the way, when you are getting a \$1,000 procedure or a \$500 medical bill at WestMed, shouldn't your parking be comped?

Yonkers' Fire Officers Contract

After some ugly protests, Yonkers fire officers finally got a 10-year contract, which includes 2 percent per-year raises retroactive to 2009, when their last contract expired. No contract for seven years, then a 10-year contract? That's not a way to run a city.

But then Mayor Mike Spano wants to run for county executive. He wants everything in order in his hometown before he runs county-wide. Watch the contract-less Board of Education employees, including the \$13-an-hour food service workers, get contracts shortly. As a reader pointed out to me, “It's the politics of Yonkers.”

Retail Development at Lawrence Street in Dobbs Ferry

As several readers and WVOX Program Director Don Stevens pointed out, the Village of Dobbs Ferry had sole responsibility for the retail complex going up along the Saw Mill River Parkway. So when you are stuck in traffic at Lawrence Street or the road is flooded in a rainstorm, call the mayor of Dobbs Ferry at 914-231-8501 to complain.

Will Albany Ever Pass Ethics Reform?

As the former leaders of the New York State Legislature await sentencing later this month and the march of legislators to prison continues, readers wonder when the mess in Albany is going to get fixed. There are several weeks left in the Albany legislative session, which leaves time to start to fix the mess. Readers cannot believe Albany has not passed meaningful ethics reforms after what has occurred!

Some Final Rumors Around Town

Starbucks Frappuccino happy hours start April 28; and Century 21, a discount clothing and housewares store from New York City, is coming to Cross County Square Mall. It's a good place for bargains!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoosyonkers@aol.com and follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Catch the Westchester Rising Radio Show featuring Dan Murphy and Eric Schoen on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on WVOX 1460 on the A.M. dial or on the Internet at wvox.com and click on “listen live.”

Perez: State Budget Full of Opportunities

Westchester County Legislator Virginia Perez recently applauded the passage of the 2016 New York State Budget.

“I applaud Gov. Cuomo and the New York State Senate and Assembly for negotiating a budget that places a high priority on economic relief to working families,” she said.

“I represent one of the most economically challenged communities in Westchester County and all of New York State. This budget, which begins a phase-in of the \$15 minimum wage and up to 12 weeks of paid family medical leave, means the many full-time, hard-working



County Legislator Virginia Perez

immigrant and first-generation families in my district have a fighting chance to participate in an economy that is not propped up on government handouts and increasing personal debt.”

“The historic creation of the family medical leave provision means the working moms and dads of southwest Yonkers – many of whom care

for grandparents and young children simultaneously – will not be faced with the ‘no-win’ decision of abandoning their employment in order to care for a sick family member,” continued Perez.

Medical Marijuana Dispensary Opens in Downtown Yonkers



Mayor Mike Spano cuts the ribbon to officially open Etain, with employees and owners joining in the celebration.

Etain, a registered medical marijuana dispensary, celebrated its grand opening in Yonkers last week at 55 Main St., along the waterfront. Etain is a family-run, women-owned business that provides products under the New York Compassionate Care Act, enacted July 2014 by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

“In Yonkers, we recognize the need for patients who suffer from debilitating illnesses to live with less pain and with dignity,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “We welcome Etain to our

community to provide a medically-proven service that often times is the only form of relief for critically ill patients.”

Millions of Americans, young and old, suffer each day from the effects of cancer, epilepsy, arthritis and more. They want nothing more than to ease their pain to get through the day.

The dispensary officially opened for registered patients April 1; hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Community Council Meets

The Fourth Precinct Community Council will meet Thursday, April 21 at 7 p.m. in the Fourth Police Precinct, 53 Shonnard Place, Yonkers. Captain Cavorte, the precinct commander, and his

staff will be present to address matters of concern.

Everyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Police Precinct is invited to participate.

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Yonkers On the Move Kicks Off April 13



City officials are hoping this year's Yonkers On the Move kick-off event will draw the same large crowd as last year, pictured above.

Yonkers On the Move will host its annual kick-off ceremonies Wednesday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m. at City Hall Plaza with Mayor Mike Spano welcoming walk participants and cutting the ceremonial start ribbon.

Yonkers On the Move is a citywide initiative and campaign promoting a healthier active lifestyle, with walking as the core activity.

The brief kick-off ceremonies will be followed by a walk from City Hall to the Riverfront Library and back (approximately 1 mile). YOM mile cards and starter pedometers will be presented to the first 50 people who RSVP and join the walk.

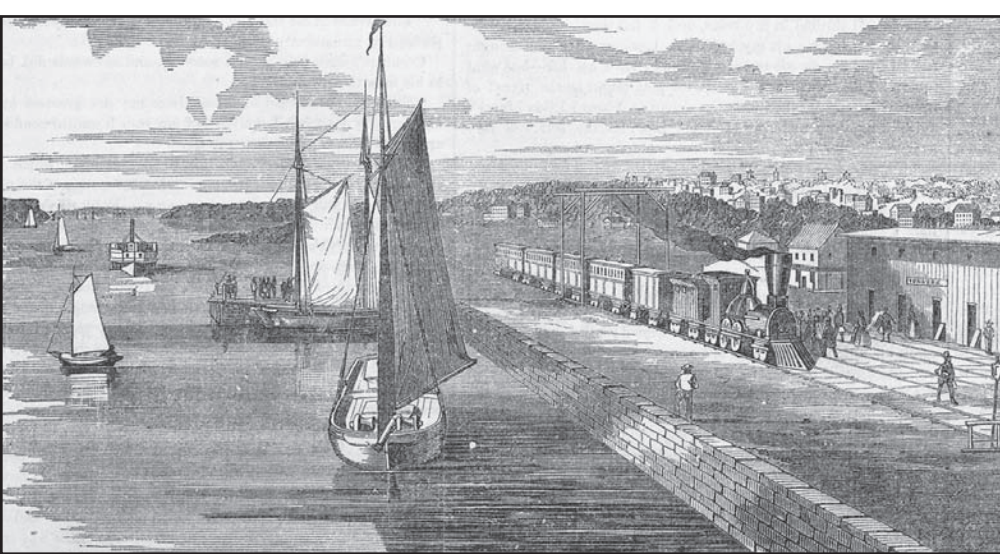
The YOM-sponsored walk is part of a chal-

lenge called Yonkers On the Move WALK 20, which consists of three walk challenge phases extending from April through October. Everyone can take part – it's intergenerational, at no cost and you/your organization can tap into the YOM WALK 20 Challenge to foster your health, exercise and nutritional goals.

In addition to motivating individuals to exercise via regular walks, challenge miles reported are tabulated and YOM hopes to top 10,000 city-wide miles.

Kick-off event RSVP's are requested, but not required. For more information, e-mail yonkersonthemove@yahoo.com or visit www.walkyom.org.

Historical Society to Hold Annual Meeting



Help celebrate the history of Yonkers.

The 2016 annual membership meeting of the Yonkers Historical Society will be held Sunday, April 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Grinton Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers. The meeting will include review of the 2015 annual report and election of trustees put forth by the nominating committee.

In addition, renowned artist Haifa Bint-Kadi will make a presentation on her public artwork for the Mill Street walkway in downtown Yonkers, which is being sponsored by the society with funding from the City of Yonkers. The art

installation, titled "They Labored Here," features a series of steel sculptures of Yonkers' industrial workers in the 19th and early 20th centuries, and a pole sculpture representing all Yonkers citizens.

The Yonkers Historical Society's Patricia Mangold Scholarships will also be awarded. Refreshments will be served, and society publications, as well as a selection of books related to local and regional history, will be available for purchase.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety.

Yonkers PTAs Comment On Common Core

The Yonkers Council of Parent-Teacher Associations/Parent-Teacher-Student Associations sent out the following email from its parent organization, the Westchester East Putnam-Region PTA, regarding its concerns over common core testing:

"The Westchester-East Putnam Region-PTA strongly believes parents have the right to make informed choices for their children in regards to their education, which includes testing. As parents, we should become educated about the entire issue of state testing, understanding both the practice and purpose of testing. We should understand the impact of test refusal on our children and school districts. We see that the issue of NYS testing has brought a greater level of advocacy of parents, educators and other concerned citizens.

"It is our hope that parents and educators will continue all advocacy efforts that demands better and appropriate testing practices, as well as the removal of teacher evaluations being tied to student test outcomes. Additionally, we should fight for the full funding of public education by ending the Gap Elimination Adjustment, restoring foundation aid to the state budget, and ensuring that our government provides a sound and equitable education for our students.

"The use of assessments, particularly in New York, has created a frenzy of anxiety – not only for our children but for parents and educators, as well. There is so much being said about assessments; many of these statements scare both children and parents. When assessments are provided appropriately, it provides proper evaluation for students to receive special services, including services for English-language learners and students with special needs. We do know that the assessments developed and used in the past are not proper for our children.

"But we also must recognize that revisions have been presented and recommended to the Board of Regents, with some of those revisions set for implementation in this year's testing.

"The voice of 220,000 parents has been heard and has given rise to the recognition that the voice of the parent is important and cannot be ignored. We must remember that our work as advocates is not done. We must remember that as advocates, we educate ourselves and then inform our education partners, our elected officials, our allies and even those who oppose our issues. It is important to always remember that it is not only critical to understand the side of an issue we favor but to understand the side of an issue we oppose. This allows for greater levels of respect, dialogue, and the ability to move our issues forward.

"WEPR-PTA recognizes that National PTA represents all of the 50 states in this country and in

European countries, as well, but WEPR also recognizes that New York State is unique and has been on an increasingly difficult road for many years in regards to state testing, implementing Common Core curriculum and learning standards, and with the evaluation of teacher effectiveness. Our region, state and national PTAs recognize that assessments – when used appropriately – are only one of many important and effective tools toward educational success for our children.

"WEPR-PTA believes: 1.) Parents need to be informed (and inform others) about assessments, their purpose, and how they are used in local school districts and the state;

2.) We must advocate for education reforms that are developed by educators, with input from parents and with the thought of what is best for children at the heart of all decisions;

3.) We support the removal of the direct connection of the Annual Professional Performance Review to student assessment scores – the latter doesn't have anything to do with the true evaluations of our educators;

4.) We must be educated on the Every Student Succeeds Act, the federal education law that covers our funding and specifies the requirements of assessments. The mandates in the ESSA currently states that 95 percent of all children in every school must participate in state assessments in order to receive funds from the federal government; this is the only method through which states get education funding;

5.) We believe that leadership in the New York State Education Department has listened to parent and teacher concerns and is moving in the right direction with regard to curriculum, testing, and teacher evaluation. We encourage our membership to remain vigilant in their advocacy but also recognize that steps are being taken to reflect their concerns;

6.) With the recent election of Regent Betty Rosa as chancellor of the Board of Regents, coupled with last year's election of Regent Judith Johnson, we believe we have the right people in place who are grounded with sound backgrounds and careers in education and with a great respect for advocacy and parent voices;

7.) We know that our New York State PTA leadership supports that parents have the right to make informed decisions concerning tests and assessments.

"Finally, parents are their children's first and number-one advocates. We respect the rights of parents and families to make decisions for their children, grounded in knowledge of the issues, respect and a listening ear of other perspectives, and with a passion for wanting the best for all children.

School Board Meetings

The Yonkers School Board Facilities Committee will meet Tuesday, April 12 at 4:30 p.m. at One Larkin Center, in the fourth-floor conference room. The Audit, Budget and Finance Committee will follow at 5:30 p.m., with the Workshop Committee scheduled to meet at 6:30 p.m.

The Instructional Affairs Committee is scheduled to meet Thursday, April 14 at 5 p.m.,

the Policy Committee meeting is slated to meet Monday, April 18 at 5 p.m., at the above-mentioned location.

The full school board is scheduled to meet Wednesday, April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Angelo E. Paradiso Auditorium at Saunders High School, 183 Palmer Road (public comment begins at 7 p.m.)

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Pauline Boylan-Coll was a great supporter and friend of Aisling Irish Center while living in New York as well as many other causes, particularly GAA. She was instrumental in establishing underage football "Gaelic 4 Girls" here in New York. Pauline was married to Paul and had one son, Ethan. After battling cancer for a number of years, Pauline sadly passed away in June 2012.

This annual Memorial walk/run is a fitting tribute to Pauline and is a great opportunity for her friends and the community to honor her happy spirit and bravery, to recall her laughter and friendly personality. Pauline was taken from this world too soon, but left an unforgettable legacy.

The funds raised will benefit programs and services provided by Aisling Irish Community Center. Our programs and services focus primarily on emotional and physical wellbeing, and our objective is to protect the welfare of vulnerable Irish emigrants and the community at large.

This is your opportunity to support and give back to Aisling Irish Center! Please encourage your friends to take part also. Every dollar helps to keep the Aisling Center and the Irish Volunteers for the Homeless on its feet, so sign up today and put your own feet into gear for a very worthy cause!

Call the center at 914-237-5121 or stop by to get your sponsorship card.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers resident and silent film child star Kittens Reichert

By Mary Hoar

President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, April 11

April 11, 1915: The students of School 20 went on strike to protest the Board of Education's dismissal of Principal William Maxson. Armed with tin horns and battered pans, the children split up into several large groups and paraded around the school block several times.

April 11, 1931: Former Sgt. Edward Duignan of Maple Street received a letter containing a small cross he lost 13 years earlier while fighting in Europe. His outfit, Company D 306th Infantry, had been quartered in a barn in Northern France; suddenly they were ordered to go to the front line and he left the cross behind. Another soldier found it years later and was able to return it, as the good sergeant had put his name and address on the back of the piece.

Tuesday, April 12

April 12, 1916: Nellie McKenna, a North Yonkers woman on her way to early Mass at Sacred Heart Church, had to be rescued from drowning after she slipped into the City Reservoir at Lake and Park Avenues. William O'Hearn of Morningside Avenue just happened to pass on his way to the Habirshaw Works at Glenwood and saw the woman fall. He ran to the spot where she had gone in and pulled her out. McKenna was taken to St. John's Hospital, where she remained for a few days until she was well enough to leave.

April 12, 1928: Former Yonkers resident and vaudeville comedian Harry Breen returned to Yonkers to open a four-day engagement at Loew's. The motion pictures shown were "The Dog of the Regiment," with Rin-Tin-Tin; and William Boyd in "The Night Flyer." Breen was known as the "Rapid Fire Song Writer" for his ability to instantly compose little songs about members of the audience while entertaining.

Wednesday, April 13

April 13, 1908: After two months trying to decide who should be city clerk, the Common Council re-elected John Geary to the office by a vote of six to four.

April 13, 1926: Public Safety Commissioner Van Keuren announced the inauguration of police automobile patrols: Two patrolmen would be assigned to a car, and patrol cars would be equipped with a winter top and a large searchlight; two cars were to patrol the Second Precinct and single cars would be assigned to the other areas of Yonkers.

April 13, 1933: Paul Lonquich of Highland Avenue leased land near the Ludlow Dock to establish the Yonkers Airport.

Thursday, April 14

April 14, 1916: "A Soldier's Oath" opened at Proctor's Palace. The photoplay starred dramatic actor William Farnum and Warburton Avenue child actress Kittens Reichert. Starting at the age of 4, Reichert appeared in several movies including "The Eternal Sappho" with Theda Bara, "The Scarlet Letter," "Les Miserables" and "The Eternal City" with Pauline Frederick. After appearing in 29 movies, her career ended at the age of 9 because her parents did not want to move to California.

Ten years later she appeared in one last movie, "So's Your Old Man," starring W. C. Fields.

April 14, 1962: Thirteen-year-old Life Scout Richard Novak of William Street received the



Millionaire attorney and owner of Greystone Samuel Untermyer

Heroism Award from the National Council of Boy Scouts; Novak saved the 7-year-old son of Scoutmaster Edward Allbee from drowning in a lake. The award was presented to Novak during a Yonkers Lions Club meeting by former Mayor Kristen Kristensen, who pointed out that Allbee had been the hero Scout's swimming coach.

Friday, April 15

April 15, 1908: The Special Committee on Fire Protection in the public schools recommended adoption of uniform rules and signals for all schools, with fire drills, installation of a secondary alarm system and the purchase of fire extinguishers mandatory.

April 15, 1911: A group of prominent Yonkers residents met at the YMCA to draft a petition to the New York Legislature opposing the proposed legislation to annex Yonkers to New York City. The group adopted the slogan "Home Rule for Yonkers" and named John TenEyck of Belmont Terrace as chairman.

April 15, 1943: Deputy Civilian Protection Director George Bell warned Yonkers apartment house owners to have hallways properly blacked out so lights could be left on during blackouts. If they did not meet the May 1 deadline, they would be subject to a \$25 fine, five days in jail, or both.

Saturday, April 16

April 16, 1923: Officers of the First Precinct descended on 27 Riverdale Ave. Led by Capt. Edward Quirk and Sgt. Thomas Kennedy, they raided a room on the third floor of the building. As police approached, men ran out of the building. Upon entering the room, the raiders went to the telephones and took several bets. After obtaining needed evidence, they ripped out the phones and switchboard.

April 16, 1931: To preserve the anonymity of people who received aid and relief during the previous winter, all records of the Police Emergency Relief Committee were destroyed. Chief Edward Quirk and President of the Police Association Edward O'Connor lit the matches that set the records ablaze. The committee had maintained a store across from the headquarters on Wells Avenue, and would close it in a few days.

Sunday, April 17

April 17, 1916: Local contractors complained of a labor shortage when they reported that they could not find enough men to begin construction of the new Masonic Temple and the Armory. One cause was believed to be Samuel Untermyer, who allegedly had 300 men working at his estate.

April 17, 1923: John Tucker, operative in charge of the New York District of the United States Secret Service Treasury Department, sent his thanks to the Yonkers Police Department. He praised patrolmen John Daly and Edward Fitzgerald, who assisted in the arrest of George Kotchas, an alleged "raised bill passer." Tucker said the officers were to be commended for the "intelligent and efficient action displayed by them in apprehending Kotchas and securing the necessary evidence to insure successful prosecution."

Kotchas was caught in the act of trying to pass a \$5 bill raised to \$20 at a local merchant.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, visit www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety, or LinkedIn and Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

Kiwanis, Board of Ed. & City to Honor Teachers

The Yonkers Kiwanis Club, in collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Board of Education trustees, will again present the 2016 Teacher of the Year Awards to three deserving members of the Yonkers Public Schools faculty. Teachers will be selected based on nominations submitted by students, parents, teachers and administrators.

Established in 1956, the Teacher Hall of Fame celebrates Yonkers teachers who further excellence in education. A committee comprised of members of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and trustees of the Board of Education selects the honorees.

"Teachers do some of the most important work in our community and they deserve to be recognized with honor," said Mayor Mike Spano. "These awards are a gesture of thanks to them for positively impacting our children's lives. The partnership between the city, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and the Yonkers Public Schools celebrates the exceptional dedication and commitment of our everyday heroes in the classroom and, at times, even beyond the classroom."

"Yonkers is fortunate to have many magnificent teachers," added Dr. Edwin Quezada, superintendent of schools. "This award is an opportunity for principals, parents, students and staff to publicly recognize the profound contributions great teachers have on the academic, social and emotional development of the children in their care. The success of all students is dependent on the hard work and commitment of every teacher."

The Yonkers Kiwanis Club and the Board of Education have celebrated the contributions of outstanding teachers educating Yonkers' children for more than 60 years.

"The foundation of both organizations,

quality teaching and community service, is honored through this award," said Board of Education President Dr. Nader Sayegh. "It truly demonstrates a citywide commitment to education. Through our collaboration with Mayor Mike Spano we are able to expand the reach of our message: the community working together for our children."

Three YPS teachers, representing the elementary, middle and high school levels, will be selected as award winners.


Students, parents, teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a teacher. Eligibility requirements for selection to the Teacher Hall of Fame include employment as a teacher in YPS for at least five years; demonstration of dedication to the teaching profession, which has led his/her students to both knowledge and understanding; initiation of new, meaningful programs for either students, teachers or parents, or having been innovative in the use of existing programs; and display significant community involvement.

"The Yonkers Kiwanis Club is once again honored to recognize teachers in our school community who exemplify professionalism and show outstanding dedication," said Judy Bartunek, club president. "These highly motivated teachers, in their untiring efforts, provide quality education to the students in the Yonkers school system."

The nomination form and sample application are available online at www.yonkersny.gov and www.yonkerspublicschools.org. Online nominations must be submitted by April 20. The recipients are expected to attend school district, City of Yonkers and Kiwanis Club Teacher of the Year functions to speak in public and to the press, representing all Yonkers teachers.

Do you remember ANGELA DOLAN?

Mary Angela Dolan was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1918. She emigrated to Yonkers in 1949 and may have worked at O'Dare's restaurant on 602 Central Park Avenue. If you have any recollections or photos of Angela, please contact Zoe McCaw at zmccaw01@qub.ac.uk or 31 Colenso Court, 2-18 Colenso Parade, Belfast BT9 5BB, N. Ireland.



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Weekend Events At County Parks

There are a number of programs scheduled at various Westchester County parks and nature centers the weekend of April 9 and 10.

On Saturday, April 9 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Muscote Farm on Route 11 in Somers, see what the farmers have to do to get the animals ready for the day during "Morning Farm Chores." Pre-registration and fees are required call 914-864-7282.

Also on Saturday at Muscote Farm, an animal tracking program will take place from 8:30 to 10 a.m. Muscote is home to more than just farm animals; join a hike to look for other animals that call Muscote home. Fee required.

Saturday at the Read Wildlife Sanctuary at Playland Park in Rye, a program titled "Wildlife Rehabilitation: Caring for Injured and Orphaned Wildlife" is scheduled from 10 to 11:30 p.m. Spring is baby animal time – find out what it takes to care for an injured or orphaned baby animal with a New York State-licensed wildlife rehabilitator. For more information, call 914-967-8720.

In addition, on Saturday, the Lenoir Preserve on Dudley Street in Yonkers will host a papermaking workshop from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Why buy paper? Learn how to make your own homemade recycled paper. Pre-registration is required at 914-968-5851.

From 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, at Routes 35 and 121 South in Cross River, enjoy a program titled "Vernal Pool Exploration." Visit these important woodland pools to and discover the creatures within using dip nets. 914-864-7322.

On Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marshlands Conservancy on Route 1 (Boston Post Road) in Rye, residents can submit works for an upcoming poetry exhibit. All poems must have been inspired by the Marshlands, and there is a limit of three submissions per poet. 914-835-4466.

On Sunday, April 10, Cranberry Lake Preserve on Old Orchard Street in north White Plains will host a hunt for crayfish from 1 to 2 p.m. Explore the waterways for crayfish as you learn all about these interesting creatures. 914-438-1005.

Also on Sunday, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial on Route 35 in Somers, learn the importance of soil pH and how to do your own testing. Pre-registration is required at 914-864-7264.

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#6746 03/25 - 04/29

Notice of formation of GCMA Real Estate Group LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 1/15/2016. Office location: Westchester The street address is: 1 Timmons Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: GCMA Real Estate Group LLC, 1 Timmons Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6747 03/25 - 04/29

Notice of formation of Studio CGS LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on April 4th, 2016. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: P.O. BOX 336, Larchmont, NY, 10538. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: CARMEN GIRALT, P. O. BOX 336, LARCHMONT, NY 10538. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6754 04/08 - 05/13

Notice of formation of 125 South 12th Equities LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on February 5, 2016. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 405 Tarrytown Rd., Suite 1047, White Plains, NY 10607 SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Michael Alston, 405 Tarrytown Rd., Suite 1047, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6748 04/01 - 05/06

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#6749 04/01 - 05/06

Notice of formation of Joel Finnigen Photography Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/05/2016. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 284 S Columbus Ave, Apt D4, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Joel Finnigen, 284 S Columbus Ave, Apt D4, Mount Vernon, NY 10553. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6750 04/01 - 05/06

Notice of formation of JoJo's Sweet Creations LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/11/2016. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 1133 Knollwood Road, White Plains NY. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: United Corporate Services, Inc. 10 Bank Street Suite 560 White Plains, NY, 10606. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6740 03/04 - 04/08

Notice of formation of EVO- OLOGY IMPORTS LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/12/2015. Office location: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. The street address is: 56 Harrison Street, Suite 405, New Rochelle, NY, 10801. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: The LLC, 56 Harrison Street, Suite 405, New Rochelle, NY, 10801. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6742 03/11 - 04/15

Notice of formation of AMERICA TREASURE TRADING COMPANY LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/29/2016. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 420 South Riverside Av., #139, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Xiazhu Su, 420 South Riverside Av., #139, Croton on Hudson, NY 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6741 03/11 - 04/15

Legal Notices

Notice of Real Estate Auction By Order of the City of Yonkers

Notice is hereby given of a public real estate auction of Twenty (20) properties acquired by the City of Yonkers through the In Rem foreclosure process. Properties are a mix of single family, commercial and land lots and may be occupied by tenants.

The public auction will take place at 12pm Friday, April 22, 2016 at the Community Room of the Riverside Library, 1 Larkin Plaza, 2nd Floor, in Yonkers. Bidding is open to the public live and online. All sales subject to seller acceptance.

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against

MARIA CHARRIA, JOHN CHARRIA, et al Defendant(s).

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Approximate amount of lien \$ 845,236.68 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed judgment and terms of sale.

Index No. 61939-14.
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#1442 04/01/16 - 04/22/16

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

April 1, 2016

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Yonkers on TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. sharp, in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Yonkers, New York (building is accessible to the handicapped), on applications for Appeals from the Building Commissioner's decisions and applications for Variances under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:

CONTINUED HEARINGS

5488- Area Variance - Richard J. Pearson, PE of John Meyer Consulting, on behalf of CPD NY Energy Corporation, lessee, on premises known as 1282 Midland Avenue aka 838 Kimball Avenue, Block: 5245, Lot: 5, Zone: BR

5489- Use & Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 1111 CP Avenue LLC c/o Infinity Real Estate, owner, on premises known as 1113 Central Park Avenue, Block: 5425, Lot: 100, Zone: OL

NEW HEARINGS

5490- Area Variance - Andrew Maniglia of Ginsburg Development Companies LLC, on behalf of River Tides LLC, owner, on premises known as 1125 aka 1135 Warburton Avenue, Block: 3570, Lot: 48, Zone: A

5491- Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Michael Sayegh of Phaco Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 157 Lockwood Avenue, Block: 2327, Lot: 48, Zone: B

5492- Area Variance - Janet J. Giris, Esq. of DelBello, Donnellan, Weingarten, Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, on behalf of Martin Gjonaj, owner, on premises known as 133 Crescent Place, Block: 5220, Lot: 22, Zone: T

JOSEPH CIANCIULLI
CHAIRMAN, ZBA

#1443 01/08/2016

Notice of formation of Collaborative Technologies, LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/15/2015. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 27 Forster Parkway, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Dayne Codrington, 27 Forster Parkway, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: any lawful act.

#6751 04/01 - 05/06

Name of Limited Liability Company Money Machine Enterprise LLC: Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 2/11/2016. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 35 Pier Street Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose of business of LLC is any lawful act or activity.

#6752 04/01 - 05/06

Notice of formation of Fabco Coffee Service LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/16/2015. Office location: Westchester County. The street address is: 1057 Hunter Avenue, Pelham, NY, 10803. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to the LLC, 1057 Hunter Avenue, Pelham, NY, 10803. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Seniors and Health Care

Burke Medical Awarded \$425K for Vision Research

The Burke Medical Research Institute will receive a \$425,000 grant from the National Eye Institute, one of the National Institutes for Health, to study vascular control in diabetic retinopathy, it was announced last week by Congresswoman Nita Lowey, the ranking member on the House Appropriations Committee.

"It gives me great pride to fight in Congress for medical research dollars that support good jobs and enable groundbreaking and innovative medical research right here in the lower Hudson Valley," said Lowey. "Burke Medical Research Institute is one of many outstanding local facilities whose impressive research is advancing the health of all Americans. Funding for NIH has nearly tripled since I joined the House Appropriations Subcommittee that funds medical research, and I will continue working to



Congresswoman Nita Lowey

increase the \$2 billion the NIH pumps into New York's economy each year."

NEI supports vision research through approximately 1,600 research grants and training awards to scientists at more than 250 medical centers, universities and other institutions across the country and around the world. NEI-funded research has established many treatments for diabetic retinopathy, a potentially blinding form of diabetic eye disease.

Burke Medical Research Institute will use this federal grant to support research studying the cause

of impaired blood flow control in the diabetic eye, which could lead to breakthroughs in prevention and treatment of vision loss.

Lowey fought to include a \$2 billion increase in NIH funding in the December 2015 year-end omnibus government spending bill.

Cerebral Palsy of Westchester School Program Hosts Concert

Cerebral Palsy of Westchester's school program presented its annual spring concert March 16, when each of the six classrooms performed two songs – a couple of which were played using only musical hand bells and xylophone pieces. Some songs included "Cheerleader" by Omi, "ABC" by the Jackson Five, and "One Love" by Bob Marley.

The Magnolia Room recreated the Black Eyed Peas' hit song "I Gotta Feeling" and sang "Gotta Keep Reading," sharing the enjoyment of reading books. All of the students sang along. Music accompaniment was provided by Phyllis Bethel from the Music Conservatory of Westchester.

Cerebral Palsy of Westchester is part of the Music Conservatory of Westchester's Outreach Program, and Bethel is part of the Music Therapy Division, which provides group and individual music therapy for children and adults.

Music therapy addresses the physical, emotional, social and cognitive well-being of children and adults with a wide variety of special needs. It provides opportunities for social interaction, allows for emotional expression, increases attention, promotes growth in motor skills, increases communication skills and alleviates pain and stress. Music therapy can make a profound difference in the lives of those who participate, encouraging healing, growth and change.

For more than 65 years, Cerebral Palsy of Westchester has been the leading non-profit organization in Westchester County, providing



A student sings at the concert.

essential services to children and adults with all developmental disabilities including autism, neurological impairments, intellectual disabilities, epilepsy and cerebral palsy. It has always been the organization's purpose to help people realize their goals, build brighter futures and lead more independent lives as members of the community.

WESTMED Welcomes Dr. Thomas Apuzzo

Dr. Thomas Apuzzo is joining WESTMED Medical Group, bringing the new location of 955 Yonkers Ave. to Purchase-based WMG.

Apuzzo earned his medical degree at the University of Medicine and Surgery in Padua, Italy. He completed a surgical residency at The Brooklyn-Calendonian Hospital and a residency in family practice at St. Joseph's Medical Center in Yonkers.

Board-certified in family practice, he was a medical advisor at Richmond Children's Center and then attending physician for many community homes for severely handicapped children and adults, including the Kaessler Residence. Apuzzo has been an attending physician for decades with St. Jo-



Dr. Thomas Apuzzo

seph's Medical Center and St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers.

Apuzzo, who is a resident of Armonk, is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Castle Connolly has listed him as a "top doctor" for 10 consecutive years. He speaks English and Italian.

WESTMED Medical Group is a large, multi-specialty group medical practice with headquarters in Purchase. It is staffed by a team of 318 physicians dedicated to providing coordinated, efficient and high-quality patient care at its 11 locations in Westchester and Fairfield counties.

For more information, visit www.westmed-partners.com.

Free Program for Caregivers Of Seniors at County Center

A free educational program for caregivers will take place Friday, April 15 from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave., White Plains. The panel discussion will focus on two main topics: "Respite for Caregivers" and "How to Start Your Own Social Adult Day Care Program in Your Community."

This is an opportunity for caregivers to get valuable advice on how to care for their loved ones, as well as seniors in the wider Westchester County community. Free refresh-

ments/light breakfast will be provided.

Presenters include Erin Anne Purcell of the New York State Office for the Aging and David Sweet from the Westchester County Department of Social Services.

Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. To sign up, call 914-813-6300.

This program is sponsored by the Department of Senior Programs and Services, Alzheimer's Association, Livable Communities and the Westchester Public Private Partnership.

Jewish Teens Join Together For Health & Wellness

More than 100 Jewish teens from across Westchester County will participate with 10,000 Jewish teens from across North America, Europe and Israel in a day of community service and improvement projects as they take part in J-SERVE, the International Day of Jewish Youth Service on April 17.

J-SERVE 2016 is the Jewish service component of the Global Youth Service Day of Youth Service America. Westchester J-SERVE is sponsored by J-Teen Leadership, a teen-led community service program; and JCY-Westchester Community Partners.

On April 17 2016, the 2016 Westchester J-SERVE project, Teens for "Wealth of Health," will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Eugenio Maria de Hostos Microsociety School in Yonkers. A teen planning committee of 14 teens from across Westchester from seven area high schools has worked together since January to plan an af-

ternoon of interactive fun for elementary school students and their families through activities promoting healthy, happy and nutritious households.

The teens are collecting books to be given away as part of the afternoon of fun. Youth groups from across Westchester have joined in the effort and are sponsoring booths at the Wealth of Health Carnival.

J-Teen Leadership is a community service leadership development initiative for Jewish high school students who want to make a difference in the world. Teens plan and lead projects, and through local service projects and hands-on service trips with skill building in leadership, advocacy and philanthropy, have the opportunity to improve the world. J-Teen Leadership program goals are empowering, collaborative and fun.

J-Teen Leadership is currently celebrating its 10-year anniversary of teens repairing the world.



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Women of Distinction Recognized in Yonkers



Women of Distinction Honoree Carmen Gomez-Goldberg; with Mayor Mike Spano, left; City Council Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, second right; and Councilman Mike Breen, right.



Women of Distinction Honoree Cha'Sity Bailey with Mayor Spano and Councilmembers Sabatino and Breen.

The City of Yonkers and Mayor Mike Spano hosted the annual Women of Distinction ceremony recently to honor women and women's organizations that make a difference in Yonkers.

"Today we honor those unsung heroes of Yonkers – the women who give of themselves to their communities each and every day to our children, seniors, neighborhoods and civic issues," said Spano. "These women have demonstrated excellence, leadership and integrity within their community, serving as role models for other successful women."

This year's honorees included the first Young Woman of Distinction, 11-year-old Cha'Sity Bailey.

Cha'Sity first began feeding the homeless in January 2015 when she fed 103 homeless people with the help of her parents, family, friends and church peers. She provided peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches and a Danish, two sweaters, a pair of socks, mouthwash, toothbrush and a bottle of water to each person in need.

Cha'Sity said she was happy to see the smiles and the joy from those who received the items and decided to gather care packages for the homeless again. In January 2016, she fed 130 people, this time giving them homemade chicken noodle, vegetable soup or a Haitian soup, along with peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches and empanadas. She was able to provide some additional items in the care packages, which included hats, gloves, snacks and beverages.

She even created her own shirt that says, "Cha'Sity's Dream, Help the Homeless Survive."

"The fun thing I like about feeding the homeless is I get to put a smile on each of their faces as I hand out the food and care packages," said Cha'Sity, who said she hopes to be back out in the community and in New York City sometime in spring 2016.

She said she loves to dance at her church, Christian Love Tabernacle, and likes to write poetry. In addition to continuing to help the homeless, Cha'Sity's dream is to become a professional dancer.

Another Woman of Distinction is Janice Lubin Kirschner.

Janice is a senior director of Family Service Society of Yonkers and was executive director of JCY-Westchester Community Partners from 2006-13, when the organization merged to become a division of Family Service Society of Yonkers. She has successfully initiated more than a decade of programs, mostly intergenerational, which harness seniors' skills and life experiences to mentor students in public schools, libraries and hospitals.

Among her most successful ventures are: SMART, a Reading Buddies after-school program, Summer Reading Buddies, Intro2America, OPEN BOOK, various after-school programs, and a Holocaust remembrance program.

Janice spearheaded the Westchester Chapter of NY SlgN and was its president for six years, and was an integral part of Westchester County receiving the Best IG Community Award from Generations United and Met Life 2013.

She serves as chairwoman of The Livable Communities Collaborative for Aging Services and in 2015 was selected again to be president of the Westchester Chapter of NY SlgN. She also serves on the Yonkers Thrives Leadership Coun-

cil and the Board of the Westchester County Public Private Partnership for Aging Services.

Carmen Gomez Goldberg has also been named a Woman of Distinction.

Carmen was born in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico. She is an entrepreneur and community leader and serves as the parent coordinator and community affairs director for the Charter School of Educational Excellence. She has adopted the Charter School creed that, "We aim to inspire that all children can learn." Carmen said she believes it is never too late to receive a college education, and she is currently seeking a bachelor's degree at Concordia College.

Carmen is a dedicated community and civic leader, as well as a public servant. She is a founding member of the 100 Hispanic Women of Westchester, a member of the Hispanic Advisory Board for the Board of Elections, and president of the Yonkers Federation of Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She also sits as an advisor to the Bronx Chamber of Commerce.

She has served as a director of the National Conference of Puerto Rican Women, empowering young Hispanic women to stay in school. Carmen is a former president of the Yonkers Puerto Rican/Hispanic Day Parade Foundation, Inc., and has been a board member for nine years.

Carmen has received numerous awards for her dedication to the Latino community, including the National Hispanic Magazine Latina Excellence Award, Advancement of Women Award, Griffon Award, Westchester Fund for Women and Girls Leadership Award, Martin Luther King Award and the Dominican Cultural Award – just to name a few.

Also honored as Women of Distinction are members of the Charles N. Bajart Jr. Unit 1122 Ladies Auxiliary.

The Charles N. Bajart Jr. Unit 1122 Ladies Auxiliary is a dedicated group of women who donate their time and resources to benefit veterans, troops overseas and the community. The Ladies Auxiliary organizes various events throughout the year, including a winter clothing drive for homeless veterans at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital and the distribution of canteen booklets to veterans so they can purchase gifts for their family members.

Through Paws of War, the auxiliary's donations help train and place shelter dogs to serve and provide independence to veterans who suffer from the emotional effects of war, such as post-traumatic stress.

Since 2003, approximately 1,955 care packages have been sent to troops overseas. Every month, members of the Ladies Auxiliary shop for the items needed for the troops. The packages are funded via donations and fundraisers, which the auxiliary organizes, such as the harvest drawing brunch in October. Before every monthly meeting, 10 boxes are packed and mailed to veterans.

In addition, two junior members donate their time every week for a food drive at their school. Other services provided by the Ladies Auxiliary include a food pantry with canned food and turkeys handed out during Thanksgiving, and assisting the elderly members of the community.

Congratulations to the 2016 Women of Distinction recipients and thanks for your service to Yonkers!

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instrumental music, Ms. Alex Romero who teaches advanced, placement biology and forensics, and Joel Rodriguez who teaches both trigonometry and algebra.

In a similar sense, Sathi said that while she could not choose any one teacher over another, she will always remember the support and helpfulness of each of her teachers. Sathi added that she now has a deeper appreciation for calculus, her favorite subject, as well as computer science and forensic science.

Xavier has taken AP biology, AP U.S. history, AP English and SUPA forensics for college-level credit. In addition, he has also taken summer classes at Westchester Community College in digital animation, pre-calculus at Mercy College, and forensics at SUNY Farmingdale. Sathi has taken AP calculus and SUPA forensics, as well.

In addition to their rigorous coursework, the two have active after-school lives, participating in many extracurricular activities. Xavier participates in the Yearbook Committee, is a member of the jazz band where he plays the electric bass, is a National Honors Society member, a member of the Westchester County Senior Youth Council, a member of the Planned Parenthood PAP program, and attends and helps out during open house nights at Palisade Preparatory School.

Xavier is also a member of the Anime Club, which meets on Fridays at the Riverfront Library, and even finds the time to host a podcast with friends where they compare current movies and television shows to their comics.

Sathi is the photographer of the Senior Yearbook Club and helps design layouts for the publication. In addition, she teaches photography, graphic design, video editing and Microsoft Office to the students of the Technology Club at Palisade Prep, is president of the Asian Club, is a National Honors Society member, tutors students for the Regents exams, and directs, shoots, films and edits cinematographic projects such as music videos for her friends.

Sathi also does henna designs for her

peers.

Both the Palisade Preparatory valedictorian and salutatorian applied and were accepted to a variety of schools. Xavier, who wants to earn a bachelor's degree and then a master's in mechanical engineering, applied to and was accepted at the City College of New York, New York Institute of Technology, the College of Staten Island, Lehman College, Queens College, Brooklyn College and Hunter College, and is leaning toward attending NYIT.

He is still waiting to hear from SUNY Stony Brook, Lehigh University and Fordham University.

Sathi, who is interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree in computer science and would then like to go onto law school, has been accepted to the City College of New York, City College of Technology, College of Westchester, Monroe College, Mercy College and John Taylor Community College. She is planning to attend a CUNY school but has yet to make her final decision.

Xavier said he is most thankful to Palisade Prep for allowing him to learn new things in an environment where he was with good company and friends. He said he is thankful for the music program at Palisade Preparatory School and appreciates all his teachers who taught him. Sathi added that she is most grateful for her supportive teachers and friends who constantly encouraged her to work hard.

When asked what advice each student would leave behind for future students, friends and valedictorians and salutatorians, both students had thoughtful remarks. Xavier stated, "Life is going to have its moments, and some may be worse than others. Just remember this: No matter how hard life pushes you down, get back up and keep moving forward."

Sathi added: "A hard-working person can achieve anything. Your time as a student is a very important time in anyone's life, but not all people get a chance to go to school to learn, so the person who gets this most important chance should take advantage of it, learn and then help our community. I believe if you are honest and work hard, then you will have a very good result."

Keep up the great work, Xavier and Sathi, and congratulations on all of your success!

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Included in this funding is more than \$4 million that is dedicated to converting struggling and persistently struggling schools into community schools.

A separate allocation of \$75 million is also provided statewide for community schools, such as "struggling schools." In addition, the budget includes a \$2.3 million increase for schools for the blind and deaf, which serve students who are blind, deaf and severely disabled throughout New York. This addition is a result of the collective effort by the Assembly majority to ensure that these students get the resources necessary for their educational needs.

Lastly, the budget rejects a tuition increase for SUNY and CUNY colleges and universities, and adds funds to invest in these important institutions.

Minimum Wage

The final budget provides New Yorkers with a minimum wage increase that will help lift countless families out of poverty. The minimum wage will be gradually increased over several years and has a more rapid implementation in downstate suburban counties where the cost of living is higher. For workers in Westchester County, the enacted budget will raise the minimum wage to \$10 by the end of 2016, then by an additional \$1 each year until reaching \$15 an hour at the end of 2021.

The NYS Department of Labor projects that 281,104 workers in the Hudson Valley will experience higher pay as a result of the \$15 minimum wage, re-investing an estimated \$1.8 billion in the region's economy.

Investment in Families

The 2016-17 budget takes an important step forward in ensuring New Yorkers do not have to choose between caring for a loved one and earning a paycheck. The inclusion of a comprehensive paid family leave program in NYS will ensure that no worker is forced to risk his or her job to care for a loved one. When fully phased in, the family leave provision will afford employees 12 weeks of paid leave per year to care for a new child or family member in need.

The measure will be funded through a small weekly employee contribution and offer up to two-thirds of an employee's salary during their absence, not to exceed two-thirds of the statewide average weekly wage. The State Department of Labor projects that 649,990 private sector workers in the Hudson Valley will become eligible for 12 weeks of paid family leave.

Additionally, the budget includes increased funding for various child care and after-school programs. The budget provides \$22.3 million for Advantage After School, which offers extracurricular activities for students in a positive environment; and provides \$3 million for Kinship Care, which affects more than 1,000 families in Westchester County.

Transportation

This year's budget has a robust plan to repair New York's aging roads and bridges, as well as a thorough commitment for public transit, especially in downstate urban and suburban communities. The enacted budget also includes more than \$55 million – an increase

of more than \$3 million from last year – in operating aid for Westchester County transit services, such as the Bee-Line bus, which provide essential transportation that sustain the local economy and meet the growing needs of those without access to cars or who use public transportation.

Investment in Climate Readiness

The 2016-17 enacted budget also provides significant investments in protecting the environment and responding to persistent flooding. The budget includes \$14 million to establish, for the first time, a climate change account within the Environmental Protection Fund. This newly-created account will bolster the state's efforts to more effectively address greenhouse gas reductions and flood mitigation and assist cities across the state with climate change planning to help ensure communities are prepared for extreme weather events.

"This investment is a significant victory," said Assemblymember Mayer. "I sponsored, and both the Assembly and the Senate passed, the flood mitigation council act, which would have provided a comprehensive response to residents' frustrations with persistent flooding and the lack of coordination among levels of government or relevant agencies. The creation of the climate change account within the EPF is an important step in increasing coordination and responsiveness in the face of persistent and increasingly severe weather."

Heroin Prevention, Treatment & Recovery

This budget includes funding to help tackle the state's growing heroin and opioid abuse epidemic. Deaths resulting from opioid overdoses have surged in the state over the last 10 years; in the last five years, heroin-related deaths have escalated by 175 percent nationwide. New York State has taken steps to combat the heroin/opiate crisis in recent years, and this year's budget builds on the state's commitment by investing \$166 million in opioid prevention, treatment and recovery services – an increase of \$25 million since last year.

"I applaud the recent passage of the 2016-2017 New York State budget as it continues to transform our state, particularly with the rise in minimum wage, the approval of paid family leave, increase aid in education and the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

"These initiatives will better the lives of Yonkers residents and raise the bar on our economic and social opportunities. Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo, along with the Senate, Assembly and our Yonkers delegation – specifically Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senate Democratic leader; Sen. George Latimer; Assemblymember Shelley Mayer; and Assemblymember Gary Pretlow – have made tremendous progress in strengthening our state and moving it forward. Now it's time to rebuild Yonkers schools and I am looking forward to working with them to pass the enabling legislation this year."

"New York has always been a progressive leader and we have proven that fact once again with the passage of a higher minimum wage and the strongest paid family leave program in the nation," said State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "I commend Gov. Cuomo, Speaker Heastie and my Senate Democratic colleagues for their hard work on this year's state budget, and look forward to continuing our joint efforts to move New York State forward."

Casimir Pulaski Named School of the Month



Casimir Pulaski School students and staff with Mayor Mike Spano, YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, members of the City Council and Yonkers BOE.

The School of the Month Award for March 2016 was presented to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Casimir Pulaski School last week by Mayor Mike Spano, members of Yonkers City Council, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada, Assistant Superintendent Christine Montero, members of Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees, Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Pat Puleo, and Tom Esposito, a representative from McGraw Hill Education.

Spano expressed that under the leadership of Principal Brian Curtis, Casimir Pulaski School is achieving great success in the areas of multimedia, computer science and the arts.

Last month, the students at Casimir Pulaski School staged a production of "Beauty and the Beast," where all aspects of production including set design, sound, lighting and acting were completed by the students. The cast and crew of

the production were even on hand at the School of the Month celebration to perform two songs from the show.

"I was very impressed by the caliber of talent at Casimir Pulaski, especially the student performers," said Spano. "The performance today was a wonderful example of what our Yonkers students are capable of when given the resources and opportunity to shine."

For the first time in Spano's School of the Month history, McGraw Hill Education was in attendance to present a \$5,000 donation to the school to use for reading materials and educational resources. McGraw Hill representative Esposito is a lifelong Yonkers resident and former teacher and administrator.

"McGraw Hill Education is honored to award Casimir Pulaski School a gift of \$5,000 to be used for educational materials," said Esposito, account executive at McGraw Hill Education. "It

was evident from the children's musical performance at the ceremony this afternoon that great things are happening at Pulaski. The principal, Mr. Brian Curtis, and the other administrators and teachers should all be complimented on the fantastic accomplishments at Casimir Pulaski."

Casimir Pulaski School is an International Baccalaureate school with plans to transition to a multimedia literacy program. The school has a strong relationship with the Jacob Burns Film Center, which sends representatives to the school regularly to teach film production to students at every grade level, including preschool. Currently, preschool students are learning how to use iMovie on the iPad to create and edit their own short movies.

"Casimir Pulaski is a deserving recipient of Mayor Spano's School of the Month Award," said Superintendent Quezada. "This recognition highlights the work and continuous commitment

of the administration, teachers, support staff, PTA and parents. Pulaski is an example of what students are capable of achieving when the adults are focused on providing the support and encouragement not only in the classroom, but in creative extracurricular endeavors."

"On behalf of the Board of Education trustees, I would like to congratulate Casimir Pulaski School Principal Brian Curtis and the entire Pulaski School family on their very well-deserved award and applaud the work they continue to do to make this school one of our finest in Yonkers," said Board of Education President Dr. Nader Sayegh.

Spano's School of the Month recognition program began in January 2014 as a way to celebrate the significant academic success, extracurricular achievements and community volunteerism of Yonkers' students, teachers, administration and staff at Yonkers Public Schools.

A Show So Nice They Had to Do it Twice



The cast and crew of "The Vagina Monologues" celebrated another recent performance at the Yonkers Riverfront Library. The FOCUSGroup helped put on this play in celebration of Women's History Month. "The Vagina Monologues" is an episodic play written by Eve Ensler and is made up of a varying number of monologues read by a varying number of women. Each of the monologues deals with an aspect of the feminine experience, touching on matters such as sex, love, rape, menstruation, female genital mutilation, birth, orgasm, the various common names for the vagina, or simply as a physical aspect of the body. Photo by Donna Davis.

Why the Millennial Vote Matters

By Zipporah Osei

A week ago in my history class, the teacher asked if anyone was interested in a voter registration form – mainly because she said she felt we should all be involved in the political process, but partly because she'd been given the forms to distribute and was asking out of formality. Every student who had already turned 18 raised their hands, and those that hadn't had their birthdays yet asked if they could register in anticipation of voting in November.

My teacher's response was, "Another full class. I'm going to have to get more copies!"

This kind of enthusiasm to join to the political conversation is not uncommon among young people. The millennial vote is becoming an important factor in the presidential election and now, more than ever, young people are at the forefront of the election process. Aside from the strong social media presence many young voters are creating for their favored candidates, their interest in the election is translating into important personal and national conversations.

While many would paint millennials as lazy, disinterested members of the electorate, in truth they are increasingly involved in politics and may be the key to the presidency for many candidates.

Bernie Sanders, in particular, is enjoying the support of young voters. Sanders is out polling his opponent, Hillary Clinton, 60-40 percent among young voters nationally, and in some states as high as 85-15. Sanders' support from these voters reaches fever pitch in the environment millennials are

most known for dominating: the Internet. The multitude of posts on social media in support of Sanders has become a joke among millennials and has even been commented on by late-night comedians.

An SNL sketch depicted Larry David as Bernie Sanders commenting on his massive social media popularity, saying, "And (I) apologize to everyone else for making your Facebook feed so, so annoying... I'm great, but I'm not five posts a day great."

Whether in support of Sanders or another candidate, the fact remains that millennials are replacing baby boomers as the largest group in the electorate and thus becoming an influential factor in the future of this country.

Esperanza Rosenbaum, a student at City College, is someone who recognizes the power of her vote. "I think it's important for people to not only vote, but be active in their politics," she said. "That's why I encourage people to follow the election. I want my politicians to represent the issues I think are important and the best way for that to happen is to elect them into office. Every vote matters."

The issues that matter to millennials include the increasing gap between the rich and poor, minority rights and education – all of which are hot topics on the campaign trail. If the candidates can tap into the interests of their young electorate and create campaign strategies to engage them while respecting them as intellectual voters, they will be creating greater numbers and popularity for themselves.

Untermeyer Perf. Arts Council Presents 'Founders Awards'

The Untermeyer Performing Arts Council, celebrating its 40th anniversary this month, will present its Founders Awards to three visionaries Thursday, April 14, who were integral to the successful beginning of the organization: the Hon. Angelo Martinelli, George Hudak, and Ann Kinnally.

Among the most prominent and constant supporters UPAC had during our first years was then-Mayor Angelo Martinelli. He attended every program – mingling with the people, welcoming them to the park and giving the Arts Council his total encouragement. Whether attending and speaking at our champagne receptions and other events, or just relaxing and enjoying whatever entertainment UPAC presented, that mayor was there and was delighted that the Untermeyer tradition had returned to Yonkers.

The Arts Council was the brainchild of Parks Department Director of Cultural Affairs George Hudak, as his main goal was to bring the legacy of Minnie and Samuel Untermeyer back to Yonkers by filling the park with entertainment and music, much as it was during the days of their residency at Greystone. Not only did Hudak create the concept of an arts council, he was integral in working with its members during the first years, overseeing events

and lending a hand whenever and wherever possible.

Perhaps the person most important to the success of the early years of the council was its first president, Ann Kinnally. Her driving force and pure energy ensured the success of the first few seasons, when music, Shakespeare, opera, drama and dance were brought to the park for the first time in many years. Crowds once again filled the walled gardens, admiring the showcase of the beauty in Yonkers.

Art shows, crafts fairs and ethnic heritage festivals all graced the park that first season. Over the years, UPAC has continued her efforts, bringing light opera, Broadway shows, experimental dance, ballet, ethnic music and rock to the park. Incan, African, Brazilian, Polynesian, Irish, Chinese, Arabic, Classical and Big Band music have filled the air of Yonkers, while audiences relaxed in the peaceful ambiance of Untermeyer Park.

Awards will be presented at the 40th anniversary dinner Thursday, April 14 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Royal Regency Hotel, Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers. Musical entertainment will be provided by well-known local musician Tom Flammia. For more information, call the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council at 914-375-3435.

Father John Hamilton Gets Key to Yonkers



Mayor Mike Spano presents Father John Hamilton with a Key to the City at his farewell party. Photo by Donna Davis.

By Dan Murphy

Before his departure from St. John's Church in Getty Square, Father John Hamilton was given a farewell lunch and celebration of his service to many. Mayor Mike Spano attended and presented him with a key to Yonkers – one of the city's highest honors.

Fr. Hamilton had a challenging job, which awaits the next spiritual leader at St. John's. The church sits in the middle of Getty Square, and because of its age as the oldest church in Westchester, there are always challenges to keep the landmark structurally sound.

But Hamilton served Yonkers in other ways, providing as a mediator and moderator for the different concerns of the downtown Yonkers community. Hamilton presided over a Thursday lunch club that he formed, along with downtown Yonkers resident Rob Hothan.

The lunches brought together the divergent interests of the downtown, including developers, preservationists, liberals and conservatives. Together they sat down and exchanged ideas – and this balancing act is what we remember most about Father John.

Science Barge Captain Bob Walters was a friend and kindred spirit of Father John. "He was a big man who carried a giant umbrella that everyone was welcome under," said Walters. "As a city as diverse as Yonkers, you need someone like John for the downtown."

St. John's Church is owner of the Sharing Community, a homeless shelter located next to the church and in the middle of the downtown, which made Father John a landlord.

"Many of the lunches included discussions about the homeless population and how to make the best out of a difficult situation," said Walters. "It put John in a difficult situation, because he became the target of people who were complaining about the homeless, but as a priest he had a spiritual belief to take care of the poor. I think he navigated that position successfully... he took care of his flock."

Father John's interest in history, and his passion about the history of St. John's Church, brought this reporter into Hamilton's orbit. He was a friend to the newspaper and a friend to Yonkers, and he will be missed. Godspeed on the next part of your journey, Father John Hamilton.

Charlie Needs a Home



Charlie is a friendly pup.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Charlie is a new boy at the shelter who is friendly and loves to play ball. Volunteers think he is a mix of a boxer, shepherd and Amstaff. He weighs about 50 pounds and is 2 years old. Charlie would be a nice dog for a family with kids age 8 and older. He also likes other dogs.

Visit Charlie at the Yonkers Animal Shelter between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 914-377-6730 or 201-981-3215, or email lesliem147@gmail.com.



The Chamber's Women in Business Committee.



Stephanie Gabaud leads the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.



Virginia Eyerler scholarship winners include Malak Murshed, Elisa Pereyra and Stephanie Walls, with YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada.



Janine Rose, Jeanne Martinelli and Moira Kiernan.

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again welcomed Janine Rose, Cablevision news anchor, as its mistress of ceremonies.

In addition to the honorees, three outstanding high schools seniors were recognized for their accomplishments, with a \$1,000 scholarship in memory of Virginia Eyerler, a former committee member and good friend of the Chamber (Five Star Premier Residences donated one of the \$1,000 scholarships).

This year the Chamber awarded Malak Murshed from Roosevelt High School, Elisa Pereyra from Lincoln High School and Stephanie Walls

from Palisade Prep. These students have achieved academic excellence and display an active role in community service.

The Women in Business Committee once again sponsored a cereal drive to support The Food Bank for Westchester. The largest service area for The Food Bank is Yonkers, where more than 20 agencies are recipients of food distribution. Luncheon attendees donated cereal and other breakfast staples to this cause.

This November, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce will distribute call for nominations forms for next year's Women of Excellence honorees for all categories. Nominee suggestions are welcome; contact Jeanne Martinelli at 914-963-0332.

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