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## Sayreville Police Honored

Four Borough of Sayreville police officers were honored in Atlantic City with the Albert Jasani Community Leader Award for their involvement with the Police Unity Tour, as well as the Tour DeForce. Lt. Peter Skarzynski, Det. Sgt. Sean O'Donnell, Sgt. John Bartlinski, and Ptl. James Satorski were the recipients of this prestigious award. Congratulations officers on a job well done.

## St. Stan's Carnival

(Article submitted)

St. Stan's Carnival will be held at the parish carnival ground on Main St. & MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. The dates are Wed. June 21--- 6-10 p.m.; Thurs. June 22---6-10 p.m.; Fri. June 23 ---5-11 p.m.; Sat. June 24---5- 11 p.m..

The Carnival will feature games of chance with fabulous prizes for all ages. Some of the games: Las Vegas "Money" Wheel for adults; Nightly & Super 50/50 drawings; eighth-grade parents fund raiser and at least 14 rides for kiddies through adults.

A Fabulous Food Tent featuring a wide variety of ethnic and American homemade foods, including mouth-watering seafood area; Spezzi's nightly specials; Barbecue Ribs; Friday Night Fish Fry beginning at 5 p.m.; Scrumptious desserts for all ages; Beer Garden

Attractions: Thurs. Night - June 22 DJ Bob Cherney 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday Night - June 23 - "St. Stan's School Alumni Night" Awesome Fish Fry - 5 p.m.; East Brunswick School of Rock Live Music - 6 - 8 p.m.; All in One - Live Music 8 -11 p.m. Saturday Night - June 24 Time After Time - Live Music - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.; The Fog - Live Music - 8 - 11 p.m.



## Spisso Honored By Knights/Borough

Sayreville's Mary Ann Spisso, was recently honored by the O.L.V. Knights of Columbus Council #2061, as the 2016-2017 Senior of the Year. She also received a recognition certificate from Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and the Borough Council, which read, "In recognition of your selfless and valuable contributions to the community. Your efforts have enriched us generally because a community possesses no greater treasures than the dedicated service of people like you." Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Patrick Revel and Recorder Jeff Brophy, also presented her with a certificate from Council #2061. Mary Ann is the President of the Sayreville Seniors Thursday Club, and owner of the very popular Brick House Bar & Grill located at 267 Washington Rd. in Sayreville. Congratulations Mary Ann on your hard work and tireless efforts for the community!



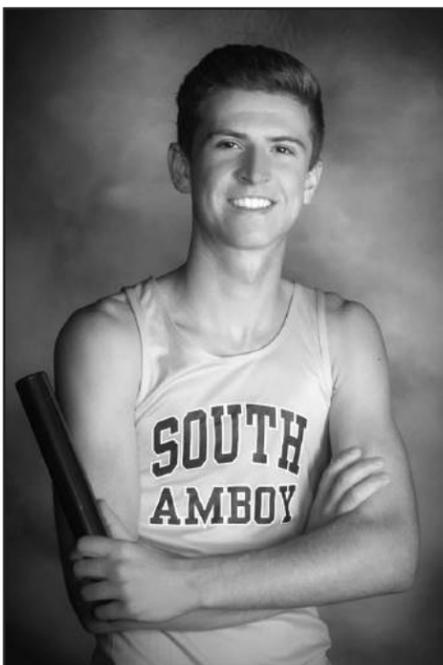
Longtime South Amboy Business Administrator Camille Tooker was honored for her many years of dedicated service. The Retirement Celebration was held at Mara's Continental Cuisine, 3602 Rt. 35 North, South Amboy. Pictured (l-r) is former South Amboy Mayor Jack O'Leary, Camille Tooker, new Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy, and South Amboy Mayor Fred Henry. Camille served under both mayors through the years. (Photo by Tom Burkard) \*See more photos on page 6.

## 200 Club Award Winners

(Article submitted)

The 200 Club of Middlesex County held its award ceremony, and the following local police officers were honored: Sayreville Sgt. Michael Gaines and Officer Anthony D'Onofrio, who with fire extinguishers, re-entered a burning home to rescue an autistic boy who hid in a bathroom; Sayreville Police Officer Brian Gay, Sayreville Assistant Fire Chief George Gawron received valor awards, while civilian Daniel Hockenjos received a

certificate of merit, for catching children and adults jumping out of a window of a burning Jacobson St. home; Sayreville Police Officer Matthew Atlak, who positioned himself between a bridge wall and a vehicle to free a motor vehicle victim's legs that were trapped under her vehicle after crashing into a bridge; Old Bridge Police Officer Corey LaVigne. Congratulations to all on your outstanding work!



## Walsh Wins State Title

South Amboy's standout track/cross country runner Patrick Walsh captured another state championship, winning the 3,200 meter race in the Group I finals, by breezing to a 9:16.85 finish, which was more than 12 seconds ahead of Bogota's Danny Daurio. Walsh also captured 2nd place in the Group I 1,600 meter race. Congratulations, and best of luck at Rutgers University, Patrick.

## Indoor/Outdoor Yard Sale June 24

Sacred Heart Church Church is having a an Indoor/Outdoor yard sale Saturday June 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 531 Washington Ave South Amboy. Many items will be available for sale in the church parking lot and inside Memorial Hall. The yard sale will be held rain or shine. For more information call 732-721-0040.

## Guadagno, Murphy To Run For Governor

Republican Kim Guadagno and Democrat Philip Murphy were selected by voters to face off in the November election for the governor position.

Guadagno totaled 113,404 votes, 47%, while other candidates finished as follows: Jack Ciattarelli 75,275, 31%, Hirsh Singh 23,652, 10%, Joseph Rullo 15,756, 7%, Steven Rogers 14,127, 6%.

Murphy's numbers were 241,353, 48%, Jim Johnson 109,260, 22%, John Wisniewski 107,872, 22%, Raymond Lesniak 24,136, 5%, William Brennan 11,154, 2%, Mark Zinna 5,164, 1%.

## Cruise Nights In South Amboy

The City of South Amboy will be holding Cruise Nights every second Wednesday of the month from July-October from 5-9 p.m., on Broadway by City Hall. Entertainment will be provided by DJ Richie "The Flash."

## Dowdell Library's 3D Art Competition

Vote for your favorite entry from the Dowdell Library's 3D Art Competition this summer with themed objects of the Waterfront, Pets and Floral. Objects were designed using the 3D Pen and or 3D Printer from January to June 15.

There are four different age groups of participants including: Children 8-10, Young Adults 11-17, Adults 18+ and Seniors 65+. Prizes will be awarded in each age group. Contact the library for more information.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).



Main Liquors & Wines owner Hershey Patel (4th from right), talented staff, friends and patrons are pictured at his annual Customer Appreciation Celebration. The weather was perfect, and everyone had a great time as Hershey treated them to hot dogs, hamburgers, cold soda, and more. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

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Prom 2017: This group of South Amboy High School students pose for a photo at Waterfront Park prior to going to the Prom. (Photo courtesy of Maria Rugel)

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## Talk Of The Towns

By Tom Burkard

### Sayreville School Employees To Retire

Congratulations to the following Sayreville School District employees who are retiring: Joseph Abruscato, Joanne Young, Lori Rosen, Gaetana Menzel. Happy retirement wishes to all!

### South Amboy School Employee Retirement List

South Amboy School District employees who are retiring: Laurel Bernosky, John Bernosky, Cindy Christensen, Glen Christensen, Rich Gore, Bryan Jenner, Nancy Conroy, Jerry Drill, Sara Sorgeralli. Best of luck and may you have an enjoyable retirement!

### South Amboy Schools Teachers and Specialists of the Year

The South Amboy School District announced its Teachers of the Year. They are Elementary School- Kerry Schaefer, Middle/High School- Denis Bourgeau, Education Specialist of the Year at the Elementary School- Evelyn Gonzalez, Middle/High-Debbie Rutkowski. Congratulations on a job well done!

### Drevelus Honored

South Amboy HS graduate Jordan Drevelus was recently selected to the

prestigious 2017 Academic All-Stars in Home News Tribune. Jordan received many honors and had many achievements, in addition to a very busy activities schedule, both in school, and outside. His goal is to become a Roman Catholic Priest. Congratulations, Jordan!

### First Aid and Safety Squad Seeks New Members

The South Amboy First Aid and Safety Squad is looking for new members. The non-profit, all volunteer organization currently has 40 regular members, 11 associate members, and 6 cadets who combine to answer a very huge amount of calls over the course of a year.

For more information or to join, call 732-721-1005 or go to: [southamboyfirstaid.org](http://southamboyfirstaid.org).

### Keenans Win Awards

Former South Amboy resident and St. Mary's HS class of '72 graduate Dave Keenan has a lot to be proud of. His children, Shane and Taylor, who attended Ranney Prep, were recipients of the Headmaster Awards for senior athletes "For outstanding contributions to the Athletic Dept. on and off the field during their 4 years." Congratulations and best of luck in the future!

### Reilly Receives Juris Doctor

Thomas Reilly received his Juris Doctor with honors from Seton Hall Law On May 25, 2017. Tom was a member of the Seton Hall Law Review. In addition, his article was chosen for publication in the Seton Hall Law Journal. He also received the award for excellence in criminal law. Thomas will be serving as law clerk to Justice Jaynee LaVechia of the New Jersey Supreme Court for the 2017-18 term.

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## Trip to Beautiful

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to see the play, Beautiful, on Sunday August 27th at 7 PM. The cost of the trip is \$205.00 which includes the play, dinner at Puglio's in Little Italy, bus transportation, bus gratuity, and snacks. For further information or to make a reservation, please call Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320.



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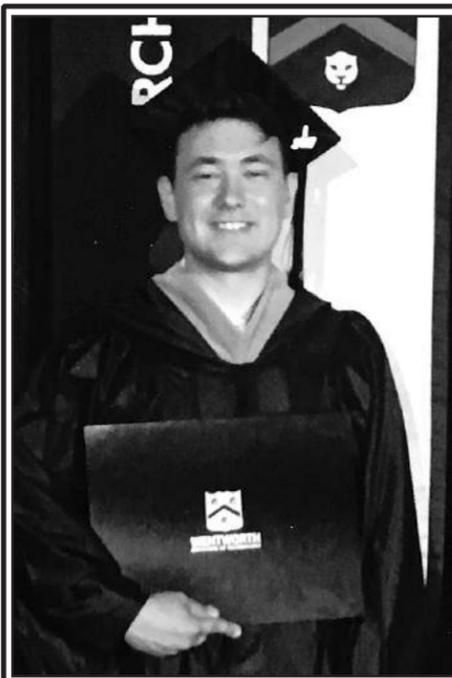
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## PLEASANT LITTLE TRIVIA

By Tom Burkard

- 1.What year did the Robert E. Lee in Morgan burn down?  
a.1969 b.1976 c.1986
- 2.St. Mary's HS Student Council President in 1975-76 school year?  
a.James Murtha b.John Miller c.Brian Stratton
- 3.In 1964-65, St. Mary's HS had its first year of Driver Education.  
What was the first car used for this course?  
a.1965 Corvette b.1965 Chevy Impala Supersport c.1965 Ford Galaxie
- 4.Where is the Allie Clark Field Complex located in South Amboy?  
a.South Feltus St. b.Fifth St. c.O'Leary Blvd. & Waterfront
- 5.St. Mary's Athletic Director in 1975-76  
a.Tom Rooney b.Rich Jones c.Steve Nestinger
- 6.In '82, what religious order of sisters taught at St. Stanislaus Kostka School?  
a.Mercy b.Charity c.Felician
- 7.In 1973, this meat market was located on Smullen St. in Sayreville?  
a.Detmer's b.Jack's Produce c.A & P
- 8.In '79, where was The Concord located in Sayreville?  
a.MacArthur Ave. b.Highway 35 South c.Jernee Mill Rd.
- 9.Where is the Sayreville Sportsman located?  
a.Deerfield Rd. b.Washington Rd. c.Ernston Rd.
- 10.Back in 1975, Charles Bongiovanni owned this hair salon on Main St. in Sayreville?  
a.Back In Time b.Modern Cuts c.Turn Of The Century

Answers  
1c 2a 3b 4c 5b 6c 7c 8a 9b 10c



Scott Joshua Richmond

### Congratulations!

Scott Joshua Richmond of Walkersville, Maryland has recently fulfilled his requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston Massachusetts. Scott is the son of Chris Richmond and Judith Pelczar-Richmond, both formerly of South Amboy. He is also the grandson of Anne Richmond and the late Bruce Richmond of South Amboy. During his time at Wentworth, Scott was a member of the American Institute of Architecture Students. He spent his final semester at the University of Girona, in Girona, Spain. While in Europe his studies included classes in Berlin, Germany, Barcelona, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal. He completed his internship requirements the summer of 2016 with Jardins International, on Nantucket, Massachusetts. A graduate of Walkersville High School, Class of 2012, Scott was a recipient of the Arioch Undergraduate Scholarship from Wentworth Institute of Technology. Congratulations to Scott on his recent success!

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### Knights of Columbus Car Show a Big Success

(Article Submitted)

Council 426 of the South Amboy Knights held their semi-annual car show on Friday, May 19. According to Car Show Chairman Jan Williams, there were 50 cars registered, which filled the lot to capacity. Hot dogs and Cheeseburgers were prepared by the Knights. Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski picked a 1969 Ford Mustang owned by Scott Osher of Staten Island, for the Grand Knight's "Best in Show" trophy.



Lou Nuccio of Cliffwood Beach won the 50 -50 drawing. Upon being handed the money, Lou donated the entire winnings back to the Knights

scholarship fund. It was Lou's lucky night as he also won the "Scholarship Trophy" which he did keep. The Knights wish to thank Lou for his generosity.

A very big thank you goes to our trophy sponsors, our volunteers, and especially to the Raritan Bay Car Club, who is one of our biggest supporters. The money raised was added to our scholarship fund. Our fall show is scheduled for September 8. Mark your calendar as all are invited.

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### MCC Dean's List

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Galina Beers, Nicholas Bonura, Marena Carter, Jonathan Collazo, Marvin Deausen, Robert Garcia, Aleksandra Gorski, Jessica Gulick, Ofelia Javelosa, Timothy Kales, Heather Kelleman, Steven Kerekes, Elizabeth Kudelka, James Langan, Amanda Lavigne, Kaitlyn Lombard, Isiah Lozano, Nikolas Martini, Thomas Mastrella, Amber Morgan, Ian O'Connor, Tyler Olivieri, Victoria Reilly, Kailan Robinson, Vincent Romano, Kevin

Samson, Hayley Schnyderite, Rhiannon Smith, Denise Steiner, Nilkumar Talwekar.

#### Sayreville

Vitaley Shaulov, Emily Trzeciak, Maria Aira, Gabrielle Bitran, Humza Chaudhry, Farooq Chowdhry, Madeline Falu, Victor Fierros, Joshua Guarnera, Ksenia Khlystova, Christopher Krieger, Justin Lotenberg, Maris Matthew, Melanie Merino, Jeremiah Noziere, Divya Patel, Kathan Patel, Vivek Patel, Matthew Pestonit, Thao Phung, Janina Pierce, Trevor Pucciarello, Ariel Ross, Stephen Samra, Amy Tengelic, Jaci Ticas, Jasmine Urrutia, Alicja Wisniewska, Cora Yates.



St. Stanislaus Kostka seventh grade student, Abigail Williams (c) receives a scholarship to Mater Dei Prep. Abigail was one of three students who were selected out of 48 participants in an essay contest. She is pictured with Kathleen Daly (l), Director of Advancement and Enrollment at Mater Dei and Christine Altland (r) Admissions at Mater Dei. (Photo by Erin Haag)

### Trip to Hunterdon Hills Patriotic Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring an evening trip to Hunterdon Hills on July 15, 2017 to "The Land We Love," a new patriotic show. The cost of the show is \$125 which includes the show, a delicious dinner, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity and

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Have A Safe Summer

Donovan's "Sunshine Superman" was the top song in the U.S. when H.G. Hoffman High's Class of '67 returned for its final fling in September 1966. The seniors probably cruised the "Pleasant Little City" in their Mustangs, and heard that song and many other hits on WABC-77 AM radio on the first day of school. At good ol' Harold G., popular teachers included: Angela Charmello, Gerard Grande, Frances Cialone, David Klesh, Marilyn Simon, John Kovaleski. Lynn Balas was the Librarian, and the yearbook was dedicated to Michael Poll. William Clayton was Student Council President. Senior Class officers were: John Ewtushek-Pres.; the late Edwin Witkowski, V.P.; Carol Reinhart, Sec.; Robert Rock, Treas. Sherry Schmidt was yearbook editor, and Marlene Zar and Nancy Ellison were co-editors of the school newspaper. The school play, "Our Hearts Were Young And Gay" was a huge success. Some of the

## Yearbook-Hoffman-1967

By Tom Burkard

fabulous members of the Class of '67: Linda Braun, Judith Beshada, Christy Casterline, Charles Dohn, Roy Erickson, Janice Fenner, Joseph Gregor, Louis Grover, Miriam Heath, Kenneth Kowalewski, Vivian Komisarczyk, Harry Macholl, Edward Gary MacKinnon, The Marczak trio of Albert, Barbara Ann, and Raymond, Anthony Maliszewski, Dennis McCloud, Lynn McCracken, John O'Brien, Thomas Ploskonka, Daniel and Mary Clare Radakovich, Kathleen Rainone, Andrew Rossman, Barbara Rufus, Eileen Sloan, Sally Smith, Donise Tingle, John Triggs Jr. Let's take a moment to remember the deceased of the Class of '67: John Byrne, Billy Clayton, Thomas Letts, Lance Mason, Robert Morgan, Edwin Witkowski, Roy Elyea, Ray Batissa, and anyone else we may not have heard about. Billy Clayton was easily the most outstanding senior athlete in the Class of '67, and also one of the greatest all-around athletes in the school's history. He not only scored over

1,000 points in basketball, but was also an All-County and All-State selection in baseball. Other senior athletes included basketball players, Edwin Witkowski, Billy Keegan, Bob Rock, and Don Baranowski, while Joe Gatyas played for Mr. Z's baseball team. Comin' down the homestretch to graduation in '67, the seniors were "Groovin" on their Senior Trip to Washington, DC, and finally the big day of "Pomp 'N Circumstance" arrived in June of 1967, and the 66 graduates took their place in history. The H.G. Hoffman HS Class of '67 was truly a fine group of teenagers on its way to conquer the world

### A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord, you invited all who are burdened to come to You. Allow your healing hand to heal me. Touch my soul with Your compassion for others. Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all. Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise. Teach me to reach out to You in my need. Help me to lead others to You by my example. Most loving heart of Jesus, bring me health in my body and spirit so that I may serve You with all my strength. Touch gently with this life that you have created. Amen -T.B.

## Local Nuns Observe Anniversaries

By Steve Schmid

Mercy Sister Helen O'Donnell is celebrating her 75th anniversary of becoming a nun. Sister Helen's first assignment after graduating from Georgian Court College, (now University) Lakewood was at St. Mary School South Amboy. She recalls having 44 children in her class which proved very challenging. She later when on to teach 92 students at St. Mary School Perth Amboy. She also taught at elementary schools in Bordentown, Bound Brook, and North Plainfield. Mercy Sister Yvonne Osborne is also celebrating her 75th anniversary as a nun. She was residing in South Amboy in 1992 when she applied for a teaching job at Sacred Heart School in the Vailsburg section of Newark. Her love of children and desire to help those living in poverty led her to accept the job even though it was a very long commute. Mercy Sister Marie Pierson is observing her 60th anniversary of being a nun. Sister Marie grew up in South Amboy where she attended St. Mary Elementary

School and High School. She was taught by the Sisters of Mercy and was impressed by their dedication. When she graduated from St. Mary, she joined the Sisters of Mercy. After earning a degree from Georgian Court College Lakewood, she became a first grade teacher and taught for 11 years. She also served as sacramental coordinator for the Metuchen Diocese and was religious director at several schools. Currently Sister Marie works as a pastoral assistant at St. James Parish Woodbridge where she has been since 1996. Mercy Sister Mary Nadine Boyle is celebrating her 60th anniversary of being a nun. She joined the Sisters of Mercy in 1957 and earned a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in education at Georgian Court College Lakewood. In 1971 she was named principal at Our Lady of Victories School in Sayreville and she also represented the principal advisory board for the Diocese of Trenton.

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(Article Submitted)

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This year's program is being held at St Bernadette Lourdes Center at the corner of Villanova and Princeton Roads in Parlin (Old Bridge). Arrive 9:00 a.m. and join us for Opening Prayer and daily Closing Prayer ends by 12:30 p.m.

Stations include: Bible Lesson, Recreation, Music (the songs the children learn are sung during the Closing Program on Friday evening), Snacks and juice (our team properly checks to be sure there are no nut products, etc.) and crafts.

Children entering kindergarten through 7th grade are welcome as well as younger children if a parent volunteers. Nursery and Toddler Programs are provided for volunteers only!

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hours are given) are needed prior to and during the week as aides as well. And at the closing of Friday's classes to transport our supplies to our storage location.

Assistance is needed prior to CVBS to prepare the craft kits so that each day a craft is completed. The Holy Spirit comes and finishes any that are not complete!

We are always looking for volunteers. At present we are seeking a Nurse or EMT (someone with First Aid knowledge) for First Aid, Recreation Staff, and Teachers/aides to travel with the color groups (by grade levels). All supplies are provided.

Our program exists entirely upon Free Will Donations... Donations may be sent to 141 Luke Street, South Amboy, NJ 08879. Checks may be made out to The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy.

Monday is Crazy Socks Day, Tuesday is Crazy Tee Shirt Day, Wednesday is Inside Out Day, Thursday is Crazy Hat Day and Friday is Water Day!!! Get into the "spirit" and wear the day's attire!

Our Closing Program will be held on Friday, July 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Lourdes Center Father Russo Hall at St Bernadette Parish.

Please come and join us for this fun filled week learning about God who is King over all the earth, making new friends and having fun! Looking forward to seeing you there!

## Camille Tooker's Retirement Celebration At Mara's Continental Cuisine, 3602 Rt. 35 North, South Amboy (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Mayor Fred Henry (r) and new Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy (c) present a surprise gift to Camille (l), which was a key to the City of South Amboy.



Camille Tooker is pictured during her wonderful speech.



South Amboy's new Business Administrator Stacey Kennedy (r) thanks Camille for all of her help through the years.



George E. Scharpf



Stanley J. Koreyva, Jr.

### Amboy Bank Announces Executive Changes

George E. Scharpf, Chairman and CEO, has announced changes to the senior management team at Amboy Bank. Effective as of May 25th, Stanley J. Koreyva, Jr., Chief Operating Officer, has been named President of Amboy Bank. Promoted to Executive Vice President were G. Gregory Scharpf, Chief Retail Banking Officer; Domenick Margiotta, Chief Lending Officer and Mary Kay Riccardi, Chief Risk Officer. As Chairman, Scharpf will concentrate on long term goals and focus on strategic initiatives.

Commenting on the changes, Scharpf stated, "The transition acknowledges and recognizes the strength and depth of our senior management team that has been responsible for making Amboy a successful community bank."

George Scharpf, who is well known in the banking industry, joined Amboy Bank in 1969 and was named President and CEO in 1981 and has been Chairman of the Board since 1995. He is also Chairman, President and CEO of Amboy Bancorporation. He has a BBA degree from The University of Notre Dame and an MBA from New York University.

Stanley J. Koreyva, Jr., who joined Amboy Bank in 1990, was promoted to Executive Vice President and COO in 2008. He earned a BS degree in Accounting from

Rider University and is a Certified Public Accountant. He is a board member of both Amboy Bank and Amboy Bancorporation.

Gregory Scharpf, who joined the bank in 2002, was previously a Vice President and Segment Manager with Bank of America. He was named Senior Vice President and Chief Retail Banking Officer in 2008. He earned his undergraduate degree at the College of William and Mary and an MBA at Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the Bank's Board of Directors.

Domenick Margiotta came to Amboy Bank in 1989. He has a BS in Finance from Seton Hall University and has a degree from the Graduate School of Banking in Madison Wisconsin. He was named Senior Vice President and Chief Lending Officer in 2008.

Mary Kay Riccardi joined Amboy Bank as Controller in 1995. She was promoted to Chief Financial Officer in 2007, Senior Vice President in 2009 and Chief Risk Officer in 2016. Riccardi, a Certified Public Accountant, graduated from The College of New Jersey with a BS degree in Accounting.

Founded in 1888, Amboy Bank is a full-service commercial bank with assets of \$2.4 billion and 22 offices in central New Jersey. Amboy has been voted Best Bank in Central Jersey for 19 years in row.

### Historic Exhibits At Dowdell Library

Check out historic exhibits on display at the Dowdell Library this summer including Titanic memorabilia, Tea Cups, and Historic Purses on display from Stacy Hicks Murray.

Stop by this June, and view some fine China cups, saucers and tea pots of various designs and origins. This exhibit will help everyone get in the mood for the Adult Summer Tea Party taking place on Monday, June 26 from 6:30-8 pm

Stop by and view historic Titanic memorabilia including a passenger ticket, a cup and saucer set, a White Star Line flag and an American newspaper from April 21, 1912 about the tragic sinking which will be

on display July and August.

Discover hundreds of years of history through various historical purses on display July through September. Historical information regarding the purses will also be available.

To learn about upcoming library programs, sign up for the monthly eNewsletter at <http://dowdell.org/newslettersignup.html>

The Dowdell Library Summer hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 10 am to 8 pm, Wednesday and Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. For more information, please visit [www.dowdell.org](http://www.dowdell.org), or contact the Library at 732-721-6060 or [comments@dowdell.org](mailto:comments@dowdell.org).



Daniella Stasiak (l) and Donna Galonzka (r) are pictured at the Sayreville Rec Community Flea Market, which was held on June 3rd. The rain stopped, skies cleared and it was a beautiful day. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

We would love to hear from you!



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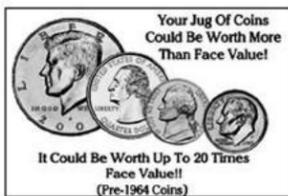
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## Cover-Ups

By Elaine Holton Scott

Times surely have changed, sometimes even shockingly so. A good example is clothing, or lack thereof. I can remember watching the Ed Sullivan Show on Sunday nights and all the female guest singers he'd bring on stage to perform. Standing by the mike singing their hit songs, they'd all be wearing their best dresses, stockings and heels. Buttoned up and covered up they used to be. Until the second half of the 1960's when mini-skirts became the fashion, modesty on stage was not only "in," it was mandatory. No more. Seems now almost every recording artist making a music video has to dance around, recline, or just pose wearing next to nothing....then, of course, be digitally corrected and enhanced before the video is released.

In the past, "covered up" was the way we had all lived. Before Pope John XXIII made it okay for females to enter a church without a head covering, hats had been the "law"....but a tissue pinned to the top of a head was good enough in case of an emergency. Hands had also been covered in Church with "Sunday" gloves, while more stylish ones were worn at formal gatherings. Stockings, of course, were "de rigueur of the day." When there was a nylon shortage during WWII, women just pretended they were wearing them by drawing a black "seam" lengthwise on the back of their legs.

Inside a home, there was a lot of covering up happening too. Women protected their dresses (which covered up their slips, usually bought at Komar's factory or at Reynold's in Perth Amboy) by wearing aprons. Aprons were a must-have, whether they were homemade or store-bought. Since clothing had been worn a few times

before being washed and ironed, aprons had been really important, so women owned both every day aprons and special ones for Sundays, Holidays, and for when company unexpectedly "popped in."

Walking around a house back then, you'd see a lot of cover-ups...but they weren't covering anything for fashion's sake. Hand-crocheted doilies had not only protected wooden tables from getting stained or scratched, doilies were also used to protect the tops of upholstered sofa cushions and chairs, as well as their arm rests. In a time when men had filled their hair with Vitalis, Brylcreem, and Vaseline Hair Tonic to keep it in place, those doilies really had done their job. To keep upholstered furniture even cleaner, slipcovers were used. Women suffering from OCD would buy see-through plastic slipcovers, so their furniture would look like new forever.

Before linoleum and floor tiles came on the market, wooden floors were often covered with a product called, "oilcloth." Coming on a roll, the oilcloth would be unwound and cut to size. As vinyl was a product of the future, a thinner textured oilcloth was also marketed to cover kitchen tables. Of course, the clear plastic covering a brand new lamp shade made of fabric had never been removed either. Then, there was the kitchen. Toasters had covers, and so did, electric "percolators," and electric mixers, while tea pots had their "tea cozies." Kitchen shelves were covered with special shelving paper, as were kitchen drawers. In bedrooms, dresser drawers were always lined with paper. If it didn't move, chances are it had gotten covered.

\*\*\*Wishing you all a safe and Happy 4th of July!!

## Bus Trip To Sands July 8

St. Mary's Church is running a bus trip to Sands Casino in Bethlehem, PA on Sat., July 8. Cost is \$35 per person, with a give-back of a \$20 slot voucher and a \$5 food voucher. Bus will leave the school parking lot (Second St.) at 9 a.m. and will return around 6 p.m. There will be snacks, 50/50, raffles and lots of fun and laughter! To reserve your seat, please call Betty at 732-841-0648 or Angel at 732-501-5133.

## Teachers Of The Year Selected

The Sayreville School District selected the following as Teachers of the Year: Rachel Gelfand-Emma Arleth Elementary School; Carol Seaman-Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School; Cvetelina Horvat-Harry S. Truman Elementary School; Jennifer Golda-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School; Dana Giorgianni-Samsel Upper Elementary School; Kulsum Farooqui-Sayreville Middle School; Linda Jakubik-Tanchyk-Sayreville War Memorial High School. Congratulations to all!



For all you local history buffs, check out Longstreet Farmhouse at Holmdel Park. Admission is FREE, and Historic Interpreter Kathi Freeman will give you a great tour, and a trip way back in history. (Photo by Tom Burkard)

## Out Of This World Programs At Dowdell Library

Stop by the Dowdell Library for out of this world programs including a Planetarium Dome, Pop/Punk Rock Band, Celebrity Storytime, Bookmark Contest and fun Summer Activities for ages 0-100.

Come join us on Monday, July 10 from 6-8 pm for a night under the stars and enter our 16' high planetarium dome as we view constellations and learn about the upcoming solar eclipse happening this August 2017! Fun for ages 0-100, limited seating!

Teens! Drop in for live music as we present Someday Far Rock Band on Monday, July 17 from 7-8:30 pm. This pop/punk band consists of Leo, Bryan, Pepi and Matty. Straight Outta Jersey. We'll also have some BBQ treats for club members, so don't forget to join before the event!

Stop in for a story and snack with PTO President Nikki Navarria for Celebrity Storytime sponsored by Chipotle on Thursday, July 27 from 3:30-5 pm.

Design a bookmark this Summer! Just tell us in a few words how the library is your

friend, how the library has helped you, how librarians are your friends, or how you can be a friend to the library. Prize categories include: Children Grades 1-5, Children Grades 6-8, Young Adults Grades 9-12 and Adults. Winners will receive gift cards from Walmart and have their creations reproduced on bookmarks distributed in the library in the Fall.

Join the Summer Clubs for Kids, Teens & Adults, and learn how you can win weekly prizes. At the end of the summer, club members will have a chance to win a grand prize, which will be awarded at the End of Summer Party in August.

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### Graduation At St. Stan's



St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Class of 2017. Pictured with the graduates from left to right are Mrs. Elena Maliniconico, Principal, Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor, and Mrs. Irene Foret, 8th grade teacher. (photo credit David Mikolai)



Thirty kindergarten students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance during the St. Stanislaus Kostka School's Kindergarten Graduation. (Photo Submitted)

### Sayreville Fire Department Memorial Day Services

Photo & Story Submitted by Ex-Chief Rich Kosmoski

Despite the chance of severe thunderstorms with torrential rain, the Sayreville Fire Department held their annual Memorial Day Service for their fallen firefighters.

During this solemn service, tribute was paid to six members of the Sayreville Fire Department who answered their final alarm. Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and Assemblyman John Wisniewski addressed the department and the families in attendance. The fire chiefs placed baskets of flowers as a floral tribute to the fallen. Families of the deceased firefighters were called upon to place a memorial paver as a lasting remembrance. A final roll call for the fallen was conducted by the calling out of their names followed by the tolling of the fire bell and the sounding of the outside siren.

Members of the Sayreville American Legion Post 211 Honor Guard saluted our fallen brothers by the firing of a rifle salute followed by the playing of TAPS. Father Ken Murphy, pastor of St. Stan's Parish conducted the invocation and benediction for the service. Father Murphy commented that he had said some extra prayers this morning so that the rain would hold up for these memorial services but unfortunately, there weren't enough prayers said to hold the parade which had to be canceled due to the impending rainstorm.

### Donations For Veterans

St. Mary's Youth Group is collecting new unused items that will be distributed to the veterans at the NJ Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park. Items can be placed in the large tote in back of the church until June 25.

Items requested include: diabetic socks, men's white undershirts, electric razors, sweatpants (sizes large-2XL), men's and women's body sprays, sweatshirts (sizes



These memorial pavers were placed at the Sayreville Fire Department Exempts monument by their family members during a solemn Memorial Day Service.

This Memorial Day Service is an annual event that has been held each Memorial Day since the 1950's. It represents closure as each firefighter is remembered for his dedication and service to the community. RIP Brothers.

large-3XL), baseball caps, shaving cream, sunglasses, deodorant, nail polish, men's tri-fold wallets.

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### The Smoke Column

By Ex-Chief Richard Kosmoski, MS

It is not often enough that we recognize the heroic acts of our first responders. These men and women place their lives on the line each-and-every day and in this month's Smoke Column, I would like to give them some recognition. As a trustee to the 200 Club of Middlesex County, I had the privilege to attend the 200 Club Annual Awards ceremony held at the Pines Manor in Edison on May 24, 2016. At this ceremony, many first responders throughout the County were given awards for various acts of courage and heroism, and this year, there were many well deserved recipients from Sayreville.

Sayreville Police Sergeant Michael Gaines along with Police Officer Anthony D'Onofrio were given Valor Awards. On February 5, 2016, they were dispatched to Center Avenue, in the Parlin section for a structure fire. Upon arrival, they entered the home and began evacuating the parents and six children. Once the family was evacuated to the outside, they were told that a twelve-year-old Autistic child was still inside. They re-entered the house under a heavy smoke condition, searched for the boy and found him in the bathroom. They removed him to safety just before the entire first floor became engulfed in fire.

Sayreville Police Officer Brian Gay, Fire Chief George Gawron, received Valor Awards while civilian Daniel Hockenjos received a Civilian Certificate of Merit for their actions at a house fire on August 23, 2016. Upon arrival at this house fire they observed a heavy smoke condition coming from the structure with several occupants trapped on the second floor. As these people jumped from the second-floor bathroom window to escape the deadly fire conditions, they were either caught or had their falls broken by these men. Because of the actions of these men, there was no loss of live nor serious injury at this incident.

Sayreville Police Officer Matthew Atlak received the Meritorious Service Award for his actions on September 7, 2016 where he

was dispatched to a motor vehicle accident at the Morgan Bridge. One of the vehicles involved in the accident came to rest in its side and was wedged between the bridge and a cement wall. The victim of the accident had her legs trapped under the vehicle. Officer Atlak determined that there was no conventional way to access the victim so he positioned himself between the wall and the back end of the victim's vehicle. He squatted down and using his legs pushed off the wall, successfully moving the vehicle away from the victim and freeing her legs. He was then able to move her to a safe location and render first aid.

Sayreville Fire Marshal Kevin Krushynski, Fire Inspectors Jonathan Magaw and Andrew Landstrom all from the Sayreville Fire Prevention Bureau were presented with the Community Service Award. All three have been trained in Youth Fire Intervention through the National Fire Academy. This training proved to be successful after one local youth attended their training program. This youth happened to be one of the children that was trapped on the second floor of the structure fire on August 23, 2016. This youth remembered how to escape from her home in the event of a fire. She was instrumental in getting these people out of the burning structure. When they were all out of the structure, she then exited through the window. The fire safety program provided by these men resulted in all five occupants being safely rescued.

All the award recipients were given recognition pins to be worn on their uniforms along with various citations.

Good job done by all involved.

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Pictured is the beautiful, refurbished Veterans Memorial at New Calvary Cemetery in Sayreville. (Photo by Clem Skarzynski)

### Veterans Memorial Honored

As Told By Air Force Veteran Ken Kelly  
By Clem Skarzynski

While visiting his parents gravesites at O.L.V.'s New Calvary Cemetery, Air Force veteran, and Sayreville V.F.W. Post 4699 Honor Guard Captain, Ken Kelly, took notice of the Veterans Memorial at the cemetery was in need of some T.L.C. Years of tree and underbrush growth, weathered monuments, and our nation's flag, among the flags of our 5 armed service branches, shredded and discolored, Ken decided it was time to honor the memories of names of the servicemen that were etched into the stones, by gathering all the available resources he could to bring the memorial back to its glory as it was meant to be.

Ken contacted Father Ryan at O.L.V. for guidance and his "blessing," to begin the process of "renewing" the site. Next, Ken got together with V.F.W. Post 4699 Commander Stanley "Stas" Przybylowski, and the wheels were set in motion.

The site of the memorial was "over-run" by trees and brush, almost completely

obscuring its view. Commander Przybylowski and Ken Kelly scheduled an emergency meeting with fellow veterans, and members of the post approved all necessary measures to begin the task of the "cleanup."

Trees were removed, brush cleared, new flags were raised on freshly painted flagpoles, landscaping and concrete repair was completed and as the picture shows, the memorial now stands, beautiful, honoring the deceased veterans, whose names "shine in the sites sunlit beauty."

With finishing touches almost complete, all members of the V.F.W. Post 4699, Father Ryan, Commander Przybylowski, and Ken Kelly, who started the wheels in motion to honor his fellow veterans, great job! And we thank you for your continuing service!

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### Writing Stars

(Photo/Info Submitted)

The Gifted and Talented class at South Amboy Elementary School submitted writing entries to City Kidz World Magazine and all 12 entries were accepted & published. The editor was so impressed with their work that she came to the school to take pictures of them. They are featured on the cover of the magazine. Gifted And Talented teacher, Mrs. Ellen Peterson says "Good writing pays off!". Students are Aalia Piperato, Lucas Cerria, Genevieve Pierre, Corinna Hatter, Liza O'Neill, Jaylin Diaz, Eryk Gurdak, Sophia Pham, Saahir Vazirani, Irtaza Abbas, Elijah Perez, & Luca Regan.



### Take a Trip Down Memory Lane!

Sayreville Public Library is pleased to announce that our collection of Sayreville War Memorial High School Yearbooks have been digitized and are now available online through our website. Completion of this project is the result of a partnership between the Sayreville Library, the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Committee, and The Friends of the Sayreville Library. Special thanks to the Sayreville War Memorial High School Media Center for supplying missing volumes. Digital scans of a limited number of Middle School yearbooks are also available as well as ALL the SWMHS Yearbooks from 1942 through 2016. Enjoy the memories!



The South Amboy Education Association participated in Jeans for Troops, a national event that raises money for the Veterans. (Photo/Info Submitted)

### A Soul, My Dad

By Al Gomolka Jr.  
Times Poet Laureate  
c. 6-3-03

My dearest dad died today  
Boy that's really tough to say  
How I'd dread this day would come  
Never realizing as his son  
I'd live to experience his demise  
Yet share a love so synthesized  
Almost a joy, a calm, a peace  
And through prayer although deceased  
Feeling this of him for me  
Dad lives on eternally  
Our memories none can take  
Not even death, but God can make  
Us live again some other time  
And with my thoughts and words and rhymes  
Although in mourning I appreciate  
And would even like to celebrate  
A victory of life's sacrifice  
Hand out cigars in heaven, be glad!  
Born a boy, a man,  
A Soul...My Dad

### Hudson Valley Trip

The OLV Senior Group will sponsor a trip to the Hudson valley from August 30 – 31, 2017. The price of the trip is \$385 which includes tour and lunch at the Culinary Institute, guided tour of the Vanderbilt Mansion, tour of West Point and lunch at the Hotel Thayer, a narrated cruise on the Hudson River and dinner at a local restaurant the first night and much more. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

### OLV Senior Group Winery Luncheon

Sponsoring a trip to Tomasella Winery and Smithville on Thursday, September 28, 2017. The price of the trip is \$60.00 which includes a luncheon and wine tasting at Tomasella Winery and a stop at Smithville Village, bus transportation, gratuity, and snacks on the return trip. The bus will leave from the lower parking lot of OLV at 9 AM and return at approximately 5 PM. For further information or to register for the trip, please call Geri Steiner at 732-727-1655.

### Support Professionals Recognized

Support Professionals of the Year have been honored for 2016-17 in the Sayreville School District. The following were selected at Sayreville schools: Anna Marie Melanaski-Emma Arleth Elementary School; Michele Mattiello-Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School; Susan McDonough-Harry S. Truman Elementary School; Patricia Rasa-Woodrow Wilson Elementary School;

Mary Jane Kerr-Samsel Upper Elementary School; Margaret Ritter-Sayreville Middle School; Jolanta Raducha-Sayreville War Memorial High School; Lisa Cetta-for the district's administrative offices, located at Jesse Selover Elementary School; Grace Restivo-Project Before Preschool, located in Samsel; Rosalia White-for the district's transportation department.

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On the evening of June 14th, Flag Day, American Legion Post 211 of Sayreville held a solemn flag retirement service. During the service there were over 2,000 flags retired. These flags flew over our schools, businesses, government buildings, residences, and the graves of our fallen veterans. Each torn and tattered flag was replaced by a brand new brightly colored flag. This is an annual service in which the entire community is invited with a special invite to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts so they can learn how to retire unserviceable flags. (Submitted by Past Commander Rich Kosmoski)

**From The Parade Archives**



This photo is believed to be from a South Amboy Parade at the end of World War II. The happy people were riding in an antique vehicle owned by Stilo's Garage, which was located on Rt. 35 North in South Amboy. (Photo/info courtesy of Jim Kopystecky)

**Middlesex County College  
Alumni Association  
Board Of Trustees  
Annual Meeting And Dinner**  
(Photos by Tom Burkard)



Rob Giorgi (c) was selected MCC Alumnus of the Year. Middlesex County College President Dr. Joann La Perla Morales (l) and MCC Alumni Association President Dorothy Bitetto (r) were on hand to present the prestigious award to him.



The Middlesex County College Alumni Association officers and trustees are pictured following the Annual Meeting and Dinner.



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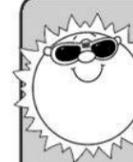
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## Tommy James & The Shondells 50th Anniversary Concert

(Photos by Tommy Burkard)



Tommy James & The Shondells celebrated their 50th Anniversary in concert at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel. Tommy is pictured performing one of his many big hits.



Bobby Bandiera (l) formerly of Bon Jovi and also Southside Johnny, and Gene Cornish (r) of The Rascals joined forces to form a group called Groovin,' and rocked the house with great Rascals songs.



Radio legend Cousin Bruce Morrow (l) congratulates Bobby Bandiera (c) and Gene Cornish (r) after their fine show.

### Next Open Mic September 29

South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council 426 want to thank everybody who participated in the open mic series for the 2016-17 season. The next open mic will be

held Friday night September 29. The Knights of Columbus hope you have a safe and happy summer and hope you'll practice your singing and playing to be ready for the fall season.

### Do You Remember?

In the late 1960's, some South Amboy teenagers started a local garage band, The Bayshore 5. The group consisted of leader/drummer Joe Hessner, lead singer Mike Conley, Skip Buckalew, Bob Eginton, and Frank and Billy Graf. The memory was

shared with us by the great vocalist, Fran Freeman, who grew up in South Amboy, and can really sing. How many recall Fran with his off the charts version of "Don't Let The Sun?"

### #1 Pop Hits-June 24

- 2003-21 Questions-50 Cent With Nate Dogg
- 1992-I'll Be There-Mariah Carey
- 1985-Heaven-Bryan Adams
- 1974-Billy, Don't Be A Hero-Bo Donaldson & The Heywoods
- 1967-Respect-Aretha Franklin

### #1 Country Hits June 24

- 2005-Making Memories Of Us-Keith Urban
- 1997-It's Your Love-Tim McGraw & Faith Hill
- 1980-One Day At A Time-Cristy Lane
- 1979-Nobody Likes Sad Songs-Ronnie Milsap
- 1962-She Thinks I Still Care-George Jones



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## Music Trivia Summer



1. \_\_\_ Here Comes Summer
2. \_\_\_ Summertime Blues
3. \_\_\_ Summer In The City
4. \_\_\_ Summer Wind
5. \_\_\_ Summer Breeze
6. \_\_\_ Summer Rain
7. \_\_\_ Summer Song
8. \_\_\_ The Boys of Summer
9. \_\_\_ Summer
10. \_\_\_ Summer of '69

By Tom Burkard

- a. Bryan Adams
- b. The Lovin' Spoon
- c. Seals & Crofts
- d. Johnny Rivers
- e. Chad & Jeremy
- f. Don Henley
- g. War
- h. Blue Cheer
- i. Frank Sinatra
- j. Jerry Keller



Answers: 1.a 2.b 3.c 4.d 5.e 6.f 7.g 8.h 9.i 10.j

## Tommy James Celebrates 50 Years of Hits

By Steve Schmid

It was a magical night Friday June 2 at the PNC Arts Center when famous rock star Tommy James & The Shondells performed their top hits before a capacity crowd. Legendary radio disc jockey Cousin Bruce Morrow introduced the group and noted that Tommy James has spent 50 years in the music industry. The 60's band The Cowsills and Kate Taylor joined Tommy on the stage to perform "Crystal Blue Persuasion" to great applause. Tommy then played an acoustic version of "I Think We're Alone Now" which was an interesting style of the song. Singer Joan Jett came on the stage to back up Tommy on "Crimson & Clover." Joan played guitar and sang backup vocals. When Tommy performed his first big hit, "Hanky Panky," he was joined by Gary U.S. Bonds and the two men brought the house down. Tommy

then played the electric version of "I Think We're Alone Now" The show continued with "Sweet Cherry Wine," and they wrapped up the show to a standing ovation of "Mony Mony," with all of the visiting stars including Joan Jett, Gary U.S. Bonds, The Cowsills, Kate Taylor, Larry Chance of The Earls, Gene Cornish formerly of the Rascals, and Bobby Bandiera formerly of Bon Jovi and Southside Johnny. Gene and Bobby earlier opened the show with their Rascals retrospective group Groovin' They played several Rascals hits including "A Girl Like You" "Love Is A Beautiful Thing" "Groovin'" "People Got To Be Free" and "How Can I Be Sure". They wrapped up their part of the show with the song that propelled the Rascals to the top of the charts, "Good Lovin'."

### You Tube-In

If you have a little bit of free time, and are into checking out some music videos, take a look at/ listen to the following: The Ballad of Jesse James-Bruce Springsteen; Glad All Over-The Dave Clark Five; My Babe-The Fabulous Thunderbirds; If Love

Would Change Your Mind-Garry Tallent of The E-Street Band; Charlene-Garry Tallent; You Can Call Me Al-Paul Simon; The Other Woman-Ray Parker Jr.; Him Or Me-Paul Revere & The Raiders; Close Your Eyes-Peaches & Herb; Sunshine Girl-Parade.

FROM THE



ARCHIVES



Strange Brew - The 1st edition 1967, Top, L-R: Don David, Mickey Kutz, Gene Crowley; Bottom, L-R: Greg Evigan (Superstar actor), Charlie Cunliffe.

## Jam Fest 2017



Pictured are some of Brian O'Connor's All Star Band music students from his two recent concerts (1st) The Veterans Hospital on May 20th) and (2nd) Brian's annual Jam Fest Concert on June 4th). Both shows were a huge success with a rockin' band of guitar players, singers, drummers, saxophone and bass players with more than 150 people attending each show. Here is a list of the performers back row - Brian McCarthy, Wayne Edmundson, Abhiram Godavari, Adrian Wiley, Anuraag Godavari, Lance Kennedy, middle row - George Giovenco, Michael Autunnaale, Aaryan Mehta, Anthony Pesch, Brian O'Connor, Nick Zonak, Kyle O'Connell. Front row - Aayush Mehta, Nicholas Lesniak, Stephanie Bufalini, Gabriel Werts, Brenda Calinawan, Shayna Lee O'Connor and Caitlin Autunnaale. Brianconnormusic.com (Photo/Info Submitted)

## School Sports

By Tom Burkard

### 2017 Final Team Leaders

**Softball**  
**Sayreville (18-5)**  
 Runs-Ryane Brush 34 Kayla Stvan 30  
 Kelly Duffy 29 Jalyn Dzamba 28.  
 Hits-Duffy 42 Brush 38 Stvan 38.  
 RBI-Duffy 29 Stvan 27 Brush 25.  
 Doubles-Stvan 13 Duffy 11.  
 Triples-Morgan Wehrle 3.  
 Home Runs-Brush 7 Duffy 7 Stvan 5  
 Emma Herrick 3.  
 Batting Avg.-Duffy .545 Brush .475  
 Stvan .447.  
 Wins-Duffy (16-5) Ashley Cannon (3-0).  
 Innings Pitched-Duffy 139.  
 Strikeouts-Duffy 147.  
**South Amboy (13-6)**  
 Runs-Alissa Bikowski 36 Samantha Rios 30.  
 Hits-Jenna Makar 27 Bikowski 23 Rios 22.  
 RBI-Makar 26 Meaghan McCarthy 26.  
 Doubles-Bikowski 7 Makar 7  
 Shannon Tran 6.  
 Triples-Makar 3 Rios 2.  
 Home Runs-Bikowski 2 Makar 2 Tran 1.  
 Stolen Bases-Bikowski 30 Rios 16.  
 Batting Avg.-Bikowski .561 Rios .489  
 Alexis Calisti .474 Tran .459  
 Makar .458 McCarthy .457  
 Julie Olivieri .457.  
 Wins-Kaleigh Keegan (9-5)  
 Jamie Moran (3-0).  
 Innings Pitched-Keegan 75.  
 Strikeouts-Keegan 64.  
**Baseball**  
**South Amboy (8-10)**  
 Runs-Zach Honimar 16 Justin Lewis 13.  
 Hits-Kyle Gasiewski 17 Nick Charmello  
 15 Honimar 14.  
 RBI-Charmello 11 Gasiewski 10  
 Honimar 10 Raymond Perez 10.  
 Doubles-Charmello 3.  
 Triples-Jordan Ortiz 1.  
 Home Runs-Charmello 3.  
 Stolen Bases-Honimar 8 Lewis 6.  
 Batting Avg.-Gasiewski .395 Charmello .  
 333 Honimar .298  
 Stephen McLaughlin .293.  
 Wins-Honimar (5-1) Charmello (3-3).  
 Innings Pitched-Honimar 37.2 Gasiewski 35  
 Charmello 29.  
 Strikeouts-Honimar 62 Gasiewski 54  
 Charmello 47.  
 ERA-Honimar 2.97 Charmello 3.86  
 Gasiewski 4.0.  
**Sayreville (10-13)**  
 Runs-Jayson DeMild 19 Ryan Casaro 12  
 Kyle Richards 12.  
 Hits-DeMild 26 Richards 21  
 Bryan Fernandez 20.  
 RBI-DeMild 15 Drew Zimmerman 14  
 Fernandez 11.  
 Doubles-DeMild 9 Zimmerman 7  
 Fernandez 7.  
 Triples-Tyler Barreiro 1.  
 Home Runs-DeMild 3 Fernandez 2  
 Richards 1 Zimmerman 1.  
 Batting Avg.-DeMild .464 Fernandez .370  
 Richards .362.  
 Wins-Kyle Lewis (3-5) Cameron  
 Carey (2-0) Zimmerman (1-1)  
 Brian Cuadra (1-1)  
 Christian Aich (1-3).  
 Innings Pitched-Lewis 35.2 DeMild 34.  
 Strikeouts-DeMild 43 Lewis 35.  
 ERA-Aich 1.52 DeMild 2.26 Lewis 4.71.

## O'Leary Signs Letter



On July 6 Ryan O'Leary (c) will start his college playing career as a redshirt freshman with the Broncos of Rider University. Ryan is a high academic player with a 4.1 GPA and will take advantage of the five year MBA program offered by Rider University. This year Ryan made first team All Area, first team GMC and first team White Division while playing for Coach John Wojek (r). Also pictured above Prophet Kates (l) one of the directors for the Adidas sponsored New York Jayhawks AAU team who Ryan played for as a 17 U. Prior to that Ryan played for the New Jersey Roadrunners AAU team. (Photo/Info Submitted)

## College Notebook

Christian Campbell (Sayreville) recently finished his 4-year career at Rutgers U. (19-34). This season, he batted .276 with 50 hits, 12 doubles, 2 home runs, and 24 RBI. On the mound, he was (2-4) with a 6.65 ERA, while striking out 34 batters in 46 innings. Opponents batted .301 against him. His final career stats were: games-173, hits-154, doubles-36, homers-3, RBI-72, stolen bases 13, and on the pitching side: games-26, innings pitched-80, strikeouts-63, ERA 6.19, won-4 lost-8, 1 save, opponents batting avg. .301...Erin Fitzsimmons (Sayreville) the highly-talented sophomore pitching ace helped Ramapo College to a (32-11) finish. Erin topped the team with a (14-4) record, 1.80 ERA, 108.2 innings pitched, 62 strikeouts, and 5 shutouts. She also hurled 11 complete games, and held opponents to a .220 batting avg...

Jackie Riley (Cardinal McCarrick/St. Mary) had a big sophomore season as the standout first baseman for Kean University (36-10), she led the team with 14 doubles, and tied for #2 with 34 RBI. Jackie belted the ball for a .343 avg, had 48 hits, and excelled in the field, committing only 2 errors for a

.994 fielding avg...Chris Eveigan (Sayreville) saw limited action for Ramapo College (26-16), but has high hopes for next season after hitting .313, with 5 hits, including a double and 2 RBI.

Amber Edwards (Sayreville) took 1st place in the triple jump at the Oneonta Final Qualifier, and came in 6th in the triple jump at the NCAA Div. III Outdoor Track & Field Championships...Brandon Bielak (St. Joseph's) the Sayreville resident finished his career at Notre Dame U. (26-32) with a (2-6) mark, a 5.55 ERA in 73 innings, striking out 75, while opponents batted .279 against his pitching...Pete Soprowski (Sayreville) finished (2-5) for Rider University (24-28-1). In 66 innings, he struck out 44, allowing opponents a .328 avg., while compiling a 6.95 ERA...Connor Johnson (Sayreville) led East Stroudsburg State with 4 saves, and was #2 in wins with a (5-4) record. He struck out 30 in 49 innings, and had a 4.59 ERA...Kevin Mulvey (Bishop Ahr) formerly from Sayreville, served as first-year head coach at Villanova University (14-33), and hopes are high for next season.

## Middlesex County College to host Athletic Spotlight Event June 28

Middlesex County College will hold an Athletic Spotlight event on Wednesday, June 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at its Edison campus. This program will introduce the MCC Athletic Department to high school athletes and others who may be interested in playing a sport at the College.

"We have an outstanding program of 11 sports for men and women," said Robert Wisniewski, the athletic director. "For men, we offer soccer, basketball, wrestling and baseball. For women, we feature soccer, volleyball, basketball and softball. We also have co-ed teams in cross country, golf and track & field. At this spotlight event, you'll be able to meet the coaches, talk with current

student-athletes and learn about why MCC may be a great fit for you."

Prospective student-athletes should register at [middlesexcc.edu/athletics-spotlight](http://middlesexcc.edu/athletics-spotlight).

Lisa Rodriguez-Gregory, the admissions director, said the evening will also include the opportunity to meet with admissions and financial aid representatives, as well as tour the campus and the athletic facilities.

"Playing sports doesn't have to end after high school," Wisniewski said. "We have a competitive program and welcome students of all ability levels. We emphasize academics, teamwork and fun."

## Knights of Columbus First & Second Degree



South Amboy Knights of Columbus Council #426 members who recently made their first and second degrees are congratulated by Grand Knight Jack Mieczkowski. Pictured (l-r) Gary Lattanzi, Joe DeFoe, Luke McNally, Bill Edmundson, Mieczkowski, Richard Cotto, Ed Vassallo. Good luck to all the gentlemen! (Photo/caption by Joe Lotkowitz)

## Basketball Camp Starts July 10

The 2017 Clutch Sports Basketball Camp with Sayreville Head Coach John Wojcik will offer 3 separate camps: Week 1-July 10-14; Week 2-July 17-21; Week 3-July 24-28. To sign-up and for complete information call 732-213-0677 or email: [clutch.wojcik@gmail.com](mailto:clutch.wojcik@gmail.com).

## Wrestling Camp July 10-14

The Jr. Bomber Wrestling Camp, which will be run by Coach Marcus Ivy, will run from July 10-14. For complete information call Coach Ivy at 201-575-1790 or email: [ivym716@gmail.com](mailto:ivym716@gmail.com)

## Trip to Wheeling Festival of Lights

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Wheeling, West Virginia for their Christmas Festival of Lights from November 29 to December 1, 2017. The cost of the trip is \$425.00 which includes 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, and 1 Holiday Dinner Show, bus transportation, and bus driver gratuity. Also included in the cost is the Oglebay Park Festival of Lights tour, Winter Fantasy displays, The Glass Museum and Artisan Center, Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum and much more. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Finita at 732-721-5081.

## Trip To See Guys And Dolls

The Keyport Senior Center is planning a trip to Bucks County Playhouse to see "Guys and Dolls" on Wednesday, July 26th. Lunch at family style Italian restaurant "Villagio Cucina".

Cost is \$95 per person, the bus leaves 9 AM and returns 5 PM. Call to sign up or for any questions 732-264-4916.

## Sight and Sound Christmas Show

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 to Sight and Sound's "Miracle of Christmas." The trip price of \$150 includes meal at Shady Maple, the show, bus, transportation, bus driver gratuity, and taxes and meal gratuity. To reserve a seat contact Teri at 732-727-7639 or 732-742-1320

## Thanksgiving In July

The South Amboy Elks will be holding a Thanksgiving Dinner in July on Thursday, July 27th from 6-8pm. The Lodge is located at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Dinner also includes salad, coffee, tea and dessert. Cost is \$12 per person. Cash bar will be available. Tickets for this dinner must be purchased in advance at the lodge or by calling 732-727-7170 or contact Joanne Kopik at 732- 668-3166. All proceeds go towards lodge charities.



Allison Margaret Grady

## Congratulations!

Allison Margaret Grady graduated from Rowan University May 9, 2017. A 2014 graduate of Freehold Boro HS and daughter of Mitch and Peggy Hulsart Grady, Allie graduated Summa Cum Laude, and was a member of both the Law and Justice and Philosophy Honor Societies.

She also received Outstanding Student designation from the College of Arts and Humanities. She will be attending Penn State's Dickinson Law School in Carlisle PA in the fall. Best of luck, Allie.



# The Local Sports Memory Machine

By Tom Burkard

## From The Youth League Archives



1959-The First Aid Squad team captured the South Amboy Little League baseball championship. Pictured bottom row (l-r) Bob Cavanagh, John Pappa, Bob Rock, Tom Downs, Tony Tremarco, Harold McLaughlin. Middle row (l-r) Coach Bob Kelly, Don Smyth, Tom Trenta, Manager Stanley Jankowski, Frank Chonsky, Bob Lehr, Coach Wilbur Schmidt. Top row (l-r) Tom Kelley, Tom Kelly, Pete Curato, Bob Pomaski, Harold Dennen, Bernie O'Connor, Rich Ambroziak. Some of the outstanding performers on the club were Bob Cavanagh, who pitched a no-hitter, Tom Trenta had 2 home runs, and Rich Ambroziak, who notched 4 straight victories. Members of the championship squad received jackets with the team insignia. \*Although official records do not exist, research shows that First Aid has won more South Amboy Little/Little Fellas League championships than any other team in history. The final 1959 Little League standings were: First Aid 14-4, Lions Club 14-5, Progressive 13-6, Protection 12-6, Daylight Bakery 10-8, Rotary Club 9-9, Enterprise 5-13, P.B.A. 5-13, Weiss' 1-17.

## Glory Days In Local Sports

1965-Freshman phenom Curt Wood fired a 3-hit shutout and struck out 9, as Hoffman mauled Madison Twp., 5-0. 1975-St. Mary's boys tennis team pounded Perth Amboy St. Mary's, 4-1. Winning big for the Eagles were Paul Rusnock in first singles, Bruce Hancik, third singles, and the doubles teams of George Swier-Kevin Bosies; Mike Cleary-John Ross.

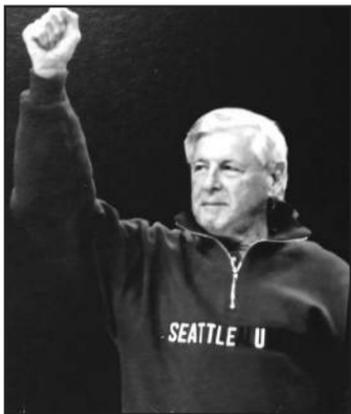
1980-Frank Wahler pitched Hoffman to a 3-1 win over Green Brook. Marty Veilleux

drove in 2 runs, and John Mulligan knocked in the other. 1994-Sayreville girls softball nipped Cedar Ridge, 3-2 behind winning pitcher Tracey Thomsen. Stephanie Alloco went 3-for-3, and Lori Fallon ripped an RBI single. 2004-Cardinal McCarrick squeaked by Bishop Ahr, 5-4, as Pat Hackett crashed a 2-run homer, and Matt Martinez 2 singles in support of winning pitcher Matt Paullus.

## Eddie O'Brien Athletic Endowment Fund

One of South Amboy's greatest legendary athletes, Eddie O'Brien passed away in 2014. His college alma mater, Seattle University set up The Eddie O'Brien Athletic Endowment Fund, which will continue Eddie's legacy by making a direct impact on future generations of Seattle University student-athletes.

Eddie and his twin brother Johnny were baseball and basketball stars at St. Mary's HS, graduating in the Class of '48. They then went on to Seattle University, and rewrote the record books, leading the basketball squad to a (90-17) during their collegiate careers. The O'Brien boys also excelled in baseball,



Eddie O'Brien

and both were signed with, and played for the Pittsburgh Pirates Major League Baseball Club. Following his big league career, Eddie became Athletic Director at Seattle U., serving 22 years, while also coaching the baseball team for 14 years.

Eddie and Johnny O'Brien never forgot their roots, and came back to their hometown on many occasions to appear at different events, and help with fundraising.

If you would like to contribute to a great cause in memory of Eddie O'Brien, please make your check payable to: Eddie O'Brien Athletic Endowment Fund, and send it to: Seattle University Athletics Dept., 901 12th Ave., Seattle, WA 98122-1090.

## Diamond Dust A Look Back At 1960

### South Amboy Little League

Rotary 7 P.B.A. 6-John Ewtushek was the winning pitcher, and was supported by Jim Zrebiec's home run.

Protection 6 Lions Club 5-Bob Mackiel was the winning pitcher, while Garry Iacouzzi hit a homer for the Lions.

Weiss 7 P.B.A. 4-Pitcher Vince Cannata notched the victory.

Progressive 9 Rotary 0-Carl Chodkiewicz picked up the victory with a fine pitching performance.

Enterprise 30 Lions 3 (No mercy rulings back then)-Leo McCabe and Tom "TK" Kelly ripped 3 hits apiece, as Don Wernett chalked up the victory.

First Aid 10 Protection 8-Tom Kelly was

the winning pitcher, and Harold McLaughlin drilled 3 hits.

### South Amboy Babe Ruth League

Sacred Heart 7 Mechanicsville 1-Winning pitcher Jim Vida tossed a beautiful game for the Hearts.

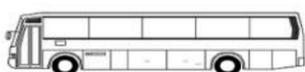
Komars 12 Independence 9-Tom Fitzmorris blasted a home run and single to back winning pitcher Bill Subjack.

Sacred Heart 3 Independence 2-Winning pitcher Joe Pohl walloped a single and double.

Komars 10 Mechanicsville 6-Frank Ruzala belted a single and double, and Dan Ust 2 singles to support winning pitcher Subjack. Joe Jankowski, Manny Formoso, and John Lange stroked 2 singles apiece.

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Sight and Sound Theater on Thursday, April 5, 2018 to see the new production - Jesus. The price of the trip is \$150.00 which includes the play, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and

snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.



## 40 Years Ago

1977-Sayreville girls softball trounced Colonia, 28-7. Rhonda Rompola blasted a homer, and triple to drive in 4 runs,

while Gail Grankowski and Debbie Spitzer had 5 RBI each. Winning pitcher Karen DeSiena fired a 1-hitter and struck out 9.

## 45 Years Ago

### Brothers Inn Ruled South Amboy Slow Pitch Softball

1972-The Brothers Inn (BI) softball powerhouse dominated the South Amboy Men's Senior Slow Pitch Softball League by easily winning the American League East Division with a perfect (17-0) record. The club went on to sweep a best-of-three series from the AL West champs, Brave Bull, and in the best-of-three championship round, blasted NL champion

J & B Trucking by scores of 4-1, and 9-1, to finish with a perfect overall mark of (21-0).

Through the regular season, the pitching duo of the Conroy boys Ed and Charlie were unbeatable with records of (9-0), and (6-0) respectively. Rich Klein was selected by umpires and coaches as league MVP, and batted a standout .564, while getting only 39 at bats. Ed Szatkowski topped the team in runs-24, hits-29, and batted .547. Ken Wahler blasted 9 doubles and 3 home runs to lead BI. Bill Connors hammered 2 triples, the

most on the club, while batting .471. Chet Meinzer hit .531, leadoff hitter Joe Castellano .404, Ed O'Leary .455, Joe Crowe .425, Nick Charmello .441.

At the end of the season, umpires and coaches selected 3 teams, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd featuring the best players in the league. Brothers Inn had 5, 1st Team choices including, Klein, Wahler, Connors, Crowe, and Meinzer. They also placed 4 on the 2nd team: Ed Conroy, Castellano, O'Leary, and player/coach Pete Inman, who guided the team to its unbeaten season. Nick Charmello and Charlie Conroy were honorable mentions in the voting.

Other talented Brothers Inn members, who played occasionally were Tom Gorman, Dave Parsons, and Ken Lyon.

The incredible 1972 Brothers Inn perfect (21-0) season has never, and will never be topped.

## 65 Years Ago

1952-St. Mary's baseball club nipped Hoffman, 2-1 in Game #1 of the City Series. Bill Richardson notched the victory in relief of starter Tom Malik. Guvs pitcher Gross held the Eagles to 2 hits by Minnick and Frank O'Brien.

### The Lineups

#### St. Mary's 2

Joe Burkard cf Bob "Don" "Pep" Bennett lf Bailey 3b Stefanski c Minnick 2b Vail 1b O'Brien rf Keating ss Malik p. Reserve-Richardson p.

#### Hoffman 1

Miller 3b English ss Bob Munck c Jim Inman lf Gross p Jim Phillips cf Kurtz 2b John Ciol 1b Ray "Butch" Tomaszewski rf.

## 80 Years Ago

1937-St. Mary's baseball coach of 17 years, Anton "Molly" Maliszewski picked his All-Time St. Mary's All-Star Team. He selected the following: pitcher-Pat Vona catcher-Benny Kolodziejki first base-Connie Doukas second base-John Grimes shortstop-Ed Fleming third base-Joe McGonigle rf-Lou Lagoda cf-"Red" Cleary lf-John Zdanewicz.

## T.H.E. Game Sport-Softball Year-2004

Teams-Cardinal McCarrick vs. South Amboy on Opening Day

Recap-South Amboy led 4-0 after 3 innings, but the determined Lady Eagles, under rookie coach Evan Abramson battled back, and trailed 4-3 after 5 innings. With 2 outs in the bottom of the 7th, Caitlin Solli delivered the biggest hit of her career, by stroking the game-winning RBI single. Mallory Kirchner was the winning pitcher, and was supported by Jessica Wojcik and Jessica Fiore who ripped a single and double apiece, while Carissa Nadonley had 2 singles. Keryn Rosenberger blasted a 2-run homer for SA.

Co-Players-Of-The-Game-Caitlin Solli and Mallory Kirchner.

## 85 Years Ago

1932-St. Mary's topped South Amboy, 7-5 in baseball play. Winning pitcher Shafnacker tossed a 4-hitter and struck out 4, while stroking an RBI single. Roxbury took the loss, but allowed only 5 hits, while fanning 1. The Saints were led by Jankowski, who cracked a double and triple, and Benny "Budniak" Kolodziejki, who got 2 singles. Longstreet blasted a long 2-run homer and a single for SA.

### The Lineups

#### South Amboy 5

Eckert ss F. Morgan cf Longstreet lf G. Morgan 3b Henry rf Inman c Selover 1b Buchanan 2b Roxbury p. Reserves-Abbatiello rf Komosinski ph.

#### St. Mary's 7

Fleming ss Burke 1b Kolodziejki c Jankowski lf Scully cf Dowling 3b Fitzmorris 2b Conroy rf Shafnacker p. Reserves-Gomolka cf Claffy 2b Ryan 2b Wojciechowski ph.

## 95 Years Ago

1922-South Amboy walloped Woodbridge, 8-3. Fred Bloodgood blasted a 2-run homer and single for 3 RBI, and Alvin Briggs, playing in his first game, singled on the first pitch.



## Back In Those College Days

Mark Abbatiello (Hoffman) played baseball and ran cross country at Middlesex County College. Mark is the owner of Broadway Seafood in South Amboy.

## Local Played For Different High School

William "Jim" Gray (South Amboy) played varsity basketball and baseball for Perth Amboy Vo-Tech.

## 20 Years Ago In The Times



The Sayreville Bombers baseball team won the Central Jersey Group III championship and went all the way to the state final, bowing to Cranford, 2-0.

## Vintage Bombers Dedicate Season To Camp Quality

By Pat Douglas



Vintage Bombers and friends, Bottom row L-R. Pat Douglas, Carolyn Douglas, Dennis McGuire, Chuck Prusakowski, Tom Noel, Dave Haltli, Jessica Ahearn, Bill D'Amico, Steve O'Leary. Back row l-r, Chris Heil, Steve Mahn, Ed Last, Dillon Haltli, Lori Sonarski, Frank Bracht, Dennis Ahearn, Pat Barney and Frank O'Leary. (Photo submitted)



Vintage Bombers and friends take a picture with Old Bridge Mayor Owen Henry, Camp Quality Executive Director Al Passy, and Tournament Organizer Bill Schnitzerling (Kneeling). (Photo submitted)

On May 20th the Sayreville Alumni Senior Softball Team known as the Vintage Bombers participated in the Spring Swing softball tournament at Veterans Field in Old Bridge to benefit Camp Quality of New Jersey. Camp Quality is a camp for kids with cancer whose motto is "Letting kids with cancer be kids again". Camp Quality of New Jersey is part of

a larger organization called Camp Quality USA which operates 15 camps in 11 states and benefits a great number of kids fighting the disease. The Camp Quality mission is to "serve children with cancer and their families by providing year-round programs, experiences, and companionship, at no cost. Camp Quality promotes hope and inspiration while helping children foster life skills and develop their full potential."

The Vintage Bombers have adopted Camp Quality's cause and this year have dedicated their season to the organization. We even sport the Camp Quality logo on the sleeve of our jerseys. This year we put our best foot forward for the kids. All 20 team members collected well over \$1,700 dollars, and that didn't include the \$300.00 buy into the tournament. All totaled, the Bombers raised \$2,160 for Camp Quality. The tournament raised over \$5,400.00 in total according to its organizer Bill (Smooth) Schnitzerling. Smooth is dedicated to Camp Quality and pours his heart and soul into it. He is also part of the Senior Softball League in Middlesex County on the Lionsgate team. He's been running the tournament for several years. He approached me in 2015, and asked if I could help them out by participating. The Vintage Bombers were quick to respond, and have been playing in the tournament ever since, along with many other teams.

This year, I was never more proud of my teammates. The idea to dedicate the season to the kids was not mine. It was my teammate Frank Bracht's. He came to me back in the winter and floated the idea, and we in turn went to our teammates, and all of them were ready and willing to help out.

The tournament is Co-Ed and each team must have at least 2 women who play in the field. The female participants were Carolyn Douglas, Jessica Ahearn and Lori Haltli Sonarski. All the ladies played well and had a great time. Also joining us were Dillon Haltli and Steve O'Leary. In all we had 18 participants representing Vintage. And it was a fun filled day.

Because of my teammates efforts, the Mayor of Old Bridge was asked to pose for a picture with us, and we got to make a formal presentation of our donation to the Camp Quality of New Jersey Executive Director, Al Passy.

Thanks to all my teammates and friends for helping us with this wonderful cause. Tim Reardon, Rich Osato, Boly Bolivar, Dennis Ahearn, Steve Mahn, Kent McFadden, Steve Samra, Pat Barney, Chuck Prusakowski, Frank Bracht, Bill D'Amico, Dave Haltli, Harry Polihrom, Chris Heil, Frank O'Leary, Phil Brennan, Dennis McGuire, Tom Noel, and Ed Muroski. To Carolyn, Jessica, Lori, Dillon and Steve, thank you guys so much for playing and contributing. A special thanks to Ed Last for doing double duty as player and manager.

We are already looking forward to next year's tournament. For those reading this who would like to donate to Camp Quality of NJ you can do so at their website <http://www.campqualityusa.org/nj/>. Read more about these brave kids and all those fantastic people who are so dedicated to creating for them a brighter future.



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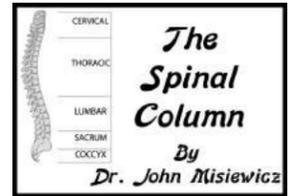
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Besides learning to swim, there are some basic rules for both swimmers and home pool owners. Here are a few of them:

- DO NOT allow "clowning around" in our near the pool.
- Teach children water games for friendly competitions to avoid poolside behavior such as pushing, running, dunking or performing stunts.
- Teach children to be especially careful on water slides.
- Be sure an adult is present any time children are swimming.
- Know for sure that the water is deep enough before diving in.
- Flotation devices are fine, but do not depend on them absolutely.
- Keep electrically operated radios, tape players or other equipment away from the pool.
- Serve cold drinks in plastic or disposable, unbreakable containers.
- Keep rescue equipment close to the pool and in good condition.
- Make sure your pool is fenced on all sides.
- Don't stay in the water too long. Keep in mind that the glare/reflection of the sun on the water can produce a severe burn even after a very short time.
- Always be alert. Don't overestimate your abilities on those of children in your care. Play it safe.
- Have fun in your pool or other swimming areas. Make sure each family member learns the rules so that they become second nature.

Then, relax and enjoy swimming, one of the best and most popular summertime activities easily to identify on the field. The cumulative effect of repeated head trauma could not be taken too lightly.

### Fishing Flashes

By Teo "Weebles" Weber



#### Salt Water

Bay fishing for Bluefish is still good from a boat or from the shore. I saw a big Bluefish about 15 pounds off the beach at Laurence Harbor. Cut bunker is the best bait to use. Some smaller Blues have arrived. One and two pound fish are mixed in with the bigger ones. Fluke season has opened. Mostly shorts have been caught but there are some keepers around too. A few big 6 to 7 pound Fluke have been caught. One fish went over 10 pounds. Striped Bass are still around in Raritan Bay caught mostly on clams from boats. Some big Black Drum have come into the bay giving surprises to a few people. Most of them take out a lot of line when hooked and are lost. One Drum about 75 was successfully landed. Party boats are doing well with Sea Bass now that the season for them is open, along with Ling and some Winter Flounder. Ocean surf fishing is mostly Bluefish.

#### Fresh Water

The Division of Fish and Game has done an outstanding job of Trout stocking this spring. My wife and I sure found out at the Pequest in mid May. In a little over two hours, both of us had our limit of 6 fish one Sunday afternoon. The largest fish was 13 inches. We returned the following Sunday and caught 7 more. We also lost a few both times. Stocking has ended until the fall. The Shad run in the Delaware River is nearly over but they are still catching fish moving up.



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### American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy Flag Retirement Service (Photos by Tom Burkard)



Pictured are all those who participated in the Flag Retirement Service including American Legion Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy, Boy Scout Troop 95, and Girl Scouts.



Everyone salutes the flag during the service.



Worn out flags are retired at the Fisherman's Beach in South Amboy.



Assistant Scoutmaster Ed Peterson (l) proudly holds the American flag, as Boy Scout Eddie Williams reads a moving tribute about the American flag.

### Flag Day At St. Stan's

(Photos/Info Submitted)



Andy Gnapp, Faithful Navigator of OLV Assembly 0670, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, leads their annual Flag Day service held at St. Stanislaus Kostka School, Sayreville on Saturday, June 10th.



Rev. Kenneth Murphy, Pastor of St. Stanislaus Kostka Church offers prayers at the Knights of Columbus annual Flag Day service held on June 10th.



Members of the Color Corp of OLV Assembly 0670, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, celebrate Flag Day at St. Stanislaus Kostka School on Saturday, June 10th.

### Local Wildlife

(Photos by Tom Burkard)



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The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to Vermont and New Hampshire from October 13 - 17 2017. The cost of the trip is \$790.00 which includes 4 nights lodging, 4 breakfasts, a luncheon at the Trapp Family lodge, and 3 dinners and 2 welcome receptions. Also included are evenings of entertainment, Ben and Jerry factory tour, shopping in Stowe Village, scenic train tour and much more. The cost of bus transportation and bus gratuity, taxes, and meal gratuities is also included. For information on about trip contact Carmen at 732-351-0260.



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 Times Poet Laureate c.2006

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 Oh there goes a Porsche driving by  
 Ain't he the lucky guy  
 Me and my Chevy once held a bevy  
 Of girls I adored  
 But none-no more.  
 I'm sittin' here drinkin' and thinkin'

About my yesterdays  
 I do that a lot I must say  
 But in some affectionate way  
 I let out a cheer-here! Here!  
 And I don't mind these beers.  
 I'm sittin' here drinkin' and thinkin'

What tomorrow might bring  
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### Letters

Dear Tom,

My sisters and I thank you for the lovely, and loving, tribute to our mom, Anna Harris Friberg. We can tell by the detail you included in the memoriam that you spent many hours listening to the stories of an earlier time in South Amboy. She was a wonderful mother and one-of-a-kind.

Thank you for being her friend.  
Best regards,  
Linnea Stevenson, Ethel Babcock,  
Babe Mamrak

### WWW.?



Does the rendering of this local structure look familiar to you? If you think you know what it is, send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com. Good luck!

### May Winners

Last month's WWW.? Mystery Photo answer was Trinity United Methodist Church, located on Bordentown Ave. in South Amboy/Sayreville.

Congratulations to the following winners who correctly identified the building: Robin Toth Morrell, Nancy Berry, Chuck Pickard, Estelle Pluskota, Bill & Pat Scully, Pete Toth, Gerry Sherry, Joan Fulham, Peggy Yuhas, Marie English, Leon Credico, Elizabeth Leveille, Wendy Erickson, Mary Agnes Morris, Dawn Roberts, Kevin Kania, Don Zrebiec, W. Tom Kross, Lisa Grankowski, Ed Bender.



May-WWW.?  
Trinity United Methodist Church

**\*Contestants Remember!** The answer is incorrect if you only send in the street name and address. You must identify the structure with the actual name that it is or was, not the type of work, or anything vague about it, or your submission is incorrect. Remember, we need the name of the building, not the address or street it's located on.



### Kiddie Keep Well Raise The Roof Campaign

Kiddie Keep Well, a camp serving youth age 7-15 from every town in Middlesex County, is more than halfway through its capital campaign to build a new health center. The Raise the Roof campaign has raised almost \$90,000 toward its goal of \$150,000. An anonymous donor recently pledged a \$25,000 match; if the camp can raise \$25,000 from June 1 through the end of October, the donor will match it with \$25,000. They hope to start construction in the fall.

"We are so grateful to this donor, and to all those who have donated in the past,"

said Tom Tighe, president of the Board of Directors. "We're hoping to appeal to everyone in Middlesex County to help us reach this goal. This new building will serve generations of Middlesex County kids."

Pictured from left: Michelle Latona, director of development, Tom Tighe, and Cindy Robertson, camp director, who is adding to the donation thermometer in front of the camp. To donate or for more information, please visit [www.kiddiekeepwell.org](http://www.kiddiekeepwell.org) or call 732-548-6542. (Photo/Info Submitted)

### YMCA Will Hold Summer-Long Food Drive

This summer, the YMCA of MEWSA is holding its annual Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation food drive. From July 1 through August 31, the Y will collect donations of nonperishable food items and deliver them to the Metuchen Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church. The pantry regularly helps individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Cash donations will also be accepted.

Rates of food insecurity in New Jersey are very high with 11.8% of adults and 16.8% of children in the state affected.

All who want to participate are encouraged to register at either the Metuchen and Edison YMCA. All who register will receive a sturdy tote bag for shopping and complete details about the nine-week drive.

People can bring food donations to three locations: the Metuchen Y at 65 High Street, the Edison Y at 1775 Oak Tree Road, and

Oakcrest Family Swim Club and Camp at 970 Inman Avenue. Both Y's are open 5:30 am - 10:00 pm weekdays, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm Saturdays, and 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Sundays. Oakcrest Swim Club is open 12:00 pm - 8:00 pm weekdays and 11:00 am - 8:00 pm weekends. Oakcrest Camp is open 7:00 am to 7:00 pm weekdays.

For more information, at the Metuchen Y contact Patricia Colandra at 732-548-2044 or [pat.colandra@ymcaofmewsa.org](mailto:pat.colandra@ymcaofmewsa.org). At the Edison Y contact Kristine Rosko at 732-494-3232 or [kristine.rosko@ymcaofmewsa.org](mailto:kristine.rosko@ymcaofmewsa.org). At the Metuchen Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church contact Tom Giordano at 732-609-0127 or [togio227@aol.com](mailto:togio227@aol.com)

Staff and volunteers at the Y and at the pantry look forward to collaborating with all residents to help reduce the levels of food insecurity in our community.

### Trip to American Music Theater

The OLV Senior Group is sponsoring a trip to American Music Theater on Thursday, May 3, 2018 to see Songs of the Silver Screen. The price of the trip is \$125.00 which includes the musical, lunch at Shady Maple, bus transportation, bus driver gratuity, and snacks on the bus. For further information or to reserve a seat, please contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

### Trip to New York City

The OLV Senior Group will be sponsoring a trip to NYC to visit the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum on Thursday, September 14, 2017. The trip price is \$150 which includes: admission to the Intrepid, dinner at Carmine's, bus transportation and bus driver gratuity, and taxes and meal gratuity. For reservations contact Teri at 732-727-7639.

### Where in New Jersey?



The owners of this month's Where In NJ? Will give you the shirt off their back! Send your answer in to: satimes@aol.com or scan below by July 17th.

### May Information Where in New Jersey?

By Brian & Phyllis Stratton

Last month's Where In NJ was the Pirate Ship that was in Cliffwood Beach. Originally on the Northbound side of Route 35 it was later moved to the Southbound side where a jughandle to cross Route 35 is now located. The structure was a Real Estate Office.

**Where in NJ Winners.**

This month's winners are Pat Haltli, Dennis Quinlan, Jim Malkiewicz, Bill Madeline, Christina Olender, John Gelson, Elaine Holton Scott, Marlene Letwenski, Bob Toye, Sue Frank, Judy Guilfoyle, Gerry Sherry, Adele O'Hara, Donna Williams, Bill & Pat Scully, Marie English, Leon Credico, Elizabeth Leveille, Skip House, Jennifer Kuziw, Ed Bender, Mary Ann Martenak, Gary Feret, Chelle Martin, Dane Colburn, Chuck Pickard.



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**Obituaries**

Anderson, Gerald "Jerry," J., 59, of South Amboy died on May 27.

Barbieri, Desiree L. "Dolly," 97, formerly of Parlin died on May 17.

Iorillo, Alexander E., 78, of South Amboy died on May 21.

Koenig, Sylvia N. Unkel, 97, of Sayreville died on June 6.

Markowski, Jean F., 89, of Sayreville died on May 24.

Marshall, Lillian K., 94, of South Amboy died on June 7.

McNulty, Patricia, 67, of South Amboy died on June 13.

Nebus, Bob, 63, of Sayreville died on May 27.

Pacansky, Steven J., 46, formerly of South Amboy died on June 9.

Resenhoef, Charlotte, 89, of Parlin died on June 2.

Rodriguez, Julia, of South Amboy died on May 27.

Scheid, Brian R., 53, of South Amboy died on June 5.

Sidorko, David, 49, of South Amboy died on June 6.

Winston, Matthew M., 45, of Sayreville died on June 9.

**In Memoriam**  
 By Tom Burkard

Bob Nebus, 63, of Sayreville died on May 27. Before retiring, he was a heavy equipment operator for 13 years with the MCUA. Brian Scheid, 53, of South Amboy died on June 5. He was a server at Peter Pank and also Park Place Diners. Lillian Marshall, 94, of South Amboy died on June 7. She was a member of Eastern Star, and also a volunteer at the Thrift Shop. Lillian was the wife of the late South Amboy historian Bill Marshall. She was a fine lady and will be sadly missed. Steven Pacansky, 46, formerly of South Amboy died on June 9. He worked for Middlesex County Roads Dept., and was a coach in the South Amboy Little League. May they rest in peace and always be remembered.

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**Matthew M. Winston**



Former South Amboy-Sayreville Times contributing writer, Matthew Winston, 45, of Sayreville died on June 9. He was employed by the Borough of Sayreville Parks Dept., and was a proud member of the Sayreville Fire Dept. Engine Co. #1. Matt was a hard-working, caring, helpful and friendly guy to all who got to know him. A big-time music lover, he was inspired to write a few music columns for the Times, "The Rock 'N Rant," and for his by-line used the name The Rev. Buck Daddyflash.

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## Middlesex County College Holds 50th Annual Commencement

A total of 1509 degrees and certificates were awarded to 1476 students by Middlesex County College Tuesday, May 23 at the 50th annual Commencement exercises witnessed by approximately 3500 guests in the Expo Center in the Raritan Center.

Valedictorian Sara Rose Chirco delivered the class welcome, sharing her experiences and aspirations. Ms. Chirco is a Liberal Arts/Sociology major.

"We have all worked so hard to get here today," she told the class. "I've met so many hardworking people here at Middlesex. Some were fresh out of high school, struggling to find their passion and learning to juggle their newfound sense of educational freedom. Some were moms who are raising three kids, working two jobs, taking six classes each semester and somehow managing to get straight A's. It's amazing what you've all accomplished – what we have all accomplished – here at MCC. It is a huge success.

"Success has different meanings for different people. For students it's making it to graduation or handing in a paper on time. For athletes it's winning the big game or further developing their skills. For parents, it's getting you out of the house. But seriously, don't let other people measure your success. You define your own success. We should all be proud that we are here today, no longer as students of MCC, but as graduates."

## Local Priests Celebrate Anniversaries

By Steve Schmid

Msgr. John Bernard Szymanski is celebrating his 60th anniversary of being a priest. He was born in 1931 and was one of four children born to the late Bertha Urbanik and John Szymanski. One reason he may have been inspired to seek the priesthood was his maternal uncle was a priest, Father Walter Urbanik, who served as pastor of Sacred Heart Church South Amboy from 1935 to 1972, the longest tenure in Sacred Heart history. He was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George W. Ahr May 25, 1957 in St. Anthony Church Trenton. Father William Mickiewicz is observing his 55th anniversary of priesthood. He was born in 1937 son of the late Margaret Mark Dill and Leo Mickiewicz. He attended Our Lady of Victories School Sayreville and St. Mary High School South Amboy. He said his mother planted the seeds for his dreams of becoming a priest. He was ordained by Bishop George W. Ahr at St. Mary of the Assumption Cathedral Trenton on May 26, 1962. Msgr. Daniel Herlihy is celebrating his 50th year of priestly ordination. He hails from Cork, Ireland and received his seminary training at St. John Seminary in Waterford Ireland. Msgr. Herlihy came to the Diocese of Metuchen in January 1986 serving as an extern priest for St. Mary Parish South Amboy. Msgr. David Fulton is celebrating 50 years of priestly service in the diocese of Metuchen and Trenton. He was born in 1941 to Bertha Gillespie Fulton and David I. Fulton. In 1963 he graduated summa cum laude from St. Mary's Seminary and University Baltimore with a bachelor's degree in philosophy. Msgr. Fulton was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop George W. Ahr on May 20, 1967. Fulton's goal was

to be a parish priest and he reached that goal when he served as parochial vicar at St. Mary Parish South Amboy. Msgr. Robert Zamorski is observing his 45th anniversary of priesthood. Msgr. Zamorski was born in South Amboy and pursued studies that led to him becoming a priest. He is currently serving as Rector at the Cathedral of St. Francis Assisi in Metuchen. Msgr. Raymond Cole is celebrating 45 years of becoming a priest. After he was ordained to the priesthood, one of his assignments was serving at St. Mary Parish South Amboy. Msgr. Cole is currently serving as Senior Priest for the Diocese of Metuchen. Msgr. Andrew Szaroleta is observing his 40th anniversary of his priestly ordination. Sacred Heart South Amboy parishioners of the late 1970s and early 80s remember Father Andy, who was very friendly and popular in the parish community. Msgr. Szaroleta is currently serving as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Fords. Msgr. Joseph Celano is observing his 30th anniversary of being ordained to the priesthood. One his assignments was serving in South Amboy at St. Mary Parish in the 1970s and early 80s. Msgr. Celano is currently serving as Pastor of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Bridgewater. Father Jason Pavich is celebrating his 5th anniversary of being ordained as a priest. The future priest grew up in South Amboy, the son of Nancy and Steve Pavich. He was a parishioner of St. Mary Church and obtained an education in parochial schools. Father Pavich is currently serving as Director of the Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Metuchen. He enjoys coming back to South Amboy and sometimes fills in to lead Masses at St. Mary when needed.

Approximately 650 members of the Class of 2017 participated in the exercises, representing the 385 graduates of August 2016, 373 of January 2017 and 718 of May 2017. Participants included several students who fulfilled the requirements for more than one degree or certificate during this academic year.

Dr. Mark McCormick, vice president for academic and student affairs, presided. Greetings were delivered by Dr. Joann La Perla-Morales, College president; Dorothy K. Power, chairman of the Board of Trustees; and Ronald G. Rios, Freeholder director.

Dr. Diane Trainor, of the Natural Sciences Department, led the academic procession as grand marshal.

Dr. La Perla-Morales, sixth president of the College, conferred degrees and certificates to the graduates. Dr. McCormick presented the candidates for graduation.

Earlier in May, the College held an honors convocation for students with the highest academic achievement in each program. MCC also presented the Chambers Awards to graduates with the highest grade point average. They include Ms. Chirco of Iselin; the salutatorian, Laurence W. Giordano of Edison; and Christopher J. Klapper (Edison); Dorota Matracz (Metuchen), Chelsea McNulty (Monroe Township); and Yana Titova (East Brunswick).

## YMCA Hosted 96th Annual Dinner Meeting

The YMCA Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy held its 96th Annual Dinner Meeting on May 3 at the Pines Manor in Edison. YMCA volunteers, donors, staff and key community leaders gathered to look back at YMCA activities in the past year and learn about the vision of the YMCA for the coming year. The evening began with entertainment by select members of the Metuchen High School Jazz ensemble during the dinner's social hour. The evening's program included the honoring of retiring board volunteers, welcoming new board members and presenting awards to accomplished YMCA and community members.

Maria Tomaro and Lucinda Florio have retired from the YMCA Board of Directors after lengthy tenures of service. Newly appointed to the YMCA Board of Directors are Alka Aneja, Letitia Coughlin and Brian Porter.

The 2017 YMCA honorees were the Honorable James Florio as the recipient of the Peter Barnes, Jr. Community Champion Award, Patricia Wiley as the recipient of the Charles S. Edgar Memorial Award and four young adult YMCA staff members who were recognized for their outstanding performance with the John G. Malinowski Award: Gabrielle Bing of the Metuchen YMCA, Kathleen Sabo of the South Amboy YMCA, Johna Sbailo of the Edison YMCA and Azmavet Almonte of YMCA Child Care Services.

In his remarks, YMCA Board President Bruce Peragallo shared the accomplishments of the YMCA's programs in the communities served. "Throughout the communities we serve, countless people know the Y. But there's so much more to our Y than one might think", said Bruce Peragallo, Chief Volunteer Officer of the YMCA of MEWSA. "Through programs like Child Care, the LiveSTRONG® Exercise Program for

Cancer Survivors, the YMCA Diabetes Prevention Program and Autism Swims, the Y is clearly more than a gym. It's a cause. As a charity, we're dedicated to nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the nation's health and well-being, and giving back and providing support to our neighbors. The help of our volunteers to raise funds to support these programs allows the YMCA to keep its doors open to all, regardless of their ability to pay".

Every day, the YMCA of MEWSA works to support the people and neighborhoods that need it most by addressing community issues such as school readiness, chronic diseases like diabetes and cancer, childcare for working families, and the elder population's need to stay active and socialize.

Last year, charitable gifts from donors strengthened the YMCA of MEWSA, making it possible for the Y to open its doors to 899 kids to have a safe place to learn and build confidence in summer camp, for 17,263 youth and teens to join the Y as members and program participants, for 387 volunteers to invest 6,343 hours in service to Y members and programs, for 45 cancer survivors to get strong in the LiveSTRONG® at the YMCA Program, and for 29,823 people to have access to YMCA facilities and programs.

"During this time of great change, one thing that has not changed is the American innate commitment to a sense of community", said former Governor Florio. "Whether it be a large or small community, it is important to understand that the collaboration of people helping other people is the essence of American life, and we need to remember to really value that."

To learn more about how you can support the Y's cause, please contact Katie McAdoo at 732-516-2089 or by email: katie.mcadoo@ymcaofmews.org or visit <http://www.ymcaofmews.org/give> for more information.

## Five Area Deacons Celebrate Anniversaries

By Steve Schmid

Deacon Serge Bernatchez of Sacred Heart Church South Amboy, Deacon David Mikolai and Deacon Andrew Ozga both of St. Stan's Church Sayreville, and Deacon Gregory Ris of St. Lawrence Church Laurence Harbor, are all celebrating their 10th anniversary of their ordination to the diaconate. All four men received their certificate in ministry from the College of St. Elizabeth Morristown. They were ordained as deacons on June 9, 2007 by Bishop Paul Bootkoski at the Cathedral of St. Francis Assisi Metuchen. Deacon Bernatchez's responsibilities include RCIA, religious

education, and adult confirmation at Sacred Heart. Deacon Ris takes care of marriage preparation, weddings, assisting at funeral liturgies and RCIA at St. Lawrence. Deacon Mikolai assists at Masses and other duties around St. Stan's parish. Deacon Ozga provides pastoral care to patients at St. Peter's University Hospital New Brunswick and Raritan Bay Medical Center Perth Amboy. He also helps out at St. Stan's parish with various responsibilities. Deacon Michael Abriola is also celebrating his 5th anniversary of being name a deacon. He serves at St. Lawrence Parish, Laurence Harbor.

## ESCNJ Educator of the Year Recipients

Citing "educational innovation" and "student achievement," Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) Superintendent Mark J. Finkelstein recently announced the 2016-2017 Governor Educator of the Year Recipients.

The recipients were formally recognized and presented plaques at a Board of Directors meeting. One Board presenter, Dr. Susan Genco, said:

"Teachers play a central role in the lives of students, and your efforts and commitment are appreciated. We are extremely proud of your accomplishments with ESCNJ students."

The ESCNJ's Governor Educator of the Year recipients are:

- Academy Learning Center: Colleen Patterson
- Bright Beginnings Learning Center:

- Lindsey Medeiros and Kaitlyn Regan
  - Center for Lifelong Learning: Nancy Begarney and Kazumi Tomizawa
  - Nonpublic Department: Susan Brennan and Patrick Downes
  - Piscataway Regional Day School: Marie Phelan and Marlanna Pierce
- The ESCNJ operates six Middlesex County schools for student's ages 3-21 with autism, multiple disabilities, and at-risk behaviors, in addition to providing special education services to school districts statewide. The largest Educational Services Commission in New Jersey, the ESCNJ also coordinates transportation services for over 10,000 students across the state, and manages an 1,100 member Co-op Pricing System, the largest cooperative buying program in New Jersey



Board President Dale Caldwell (center), with the Governor Educator of the Year recipients (L-R): Marie Phelan, Colleen Patterson, Nancy Begarney, Lindsey Medeiros, Patrick Downes and Kazumi Tomizawa. Recipients not pictured are Susan Brennan, Marlanna Pierce and Kaitlyn Regan. (Photo Courtesy of the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey)

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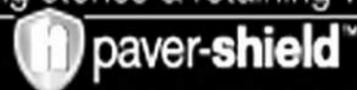


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