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Looking Back at the Year through Photos



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Gateway to the
Shore (Henry of
South Amboy (R))**



South Amboy

Councilmen Mark Noble Resigns Effective Immediately

by Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - When South Amboy residents were done speaking at last Wednesday's council meeting, much of the audience began to pack up and head toward the door.

However, council president Joseph Connors paused before asking for an adjournment to the meeting. He turned to councilmen Mark Noble and said the council vice president wanted to make a statement.

Noble, sitting at his usual seat at the edge of the row, pulled out a piece of paper from his files and leaned toward the microphone. With the residents of South Amboy looking on, Noble delivered a surprising message.

"It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of South Amboy," Noble said. "However, after consideration and many conversations with my wife and family, I've decided to resign my seat of councilmen effective immediately."

Noble explained that his upcoming retirement from the Sheriff's Department would take up a majority of his time, and he needed to focus on his future. Noble did not believe that he would be able to give all of his attention to the city with all the upcoming changes.

"I'll be retiring from the Sheriff's Department early next year after 25 years and I need to focus on the future and what's best for my family," Noble said. "During this time, I don't feel I could give 100 percent to the people of South Amboy and be an effective councilmen."

Once his speech concluded,



Mark Noble

ed, he was welcomed with a standing ovation from both the council and the residents of South Amboy. Noble served four years on the council after winning the second ward election in 2008, and was recently named council vice president at January's re-organization meeting.

"I take my position very serious, and although this has been a difficult decision to make, I believe this is the right one," Noble said. "I've enjoyed my time with the councilmen, and it has allowed me to build great relationships with many wonderful people, and I'm very grateful for that."

Along with the Sheriff's Department, Noble has also been a member of the Planning Board and the South Amboy Renaissance Corporation. He has also been an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the Sons of the American Legion South Amboy Post 62 and the Irish-American Association.

No decision has been made on who will replace Noble on the council. The next meeting will be held April 4th at 7:00 PM.

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Kanecke Sworn In as First Female Police Sergeant

by Joseph L. Kuchie

SOUTH AMBOY - Before the South Amboy council meeting last Wednesday, Mayor Fred Henry swore in Patricia Kanecke as Sergeant of the South Amboy Police Department.

In front of a council chamber full of family and fellow officers, Kanecke became the first woman Sergeant in the history of the South Amboy Police Department. With her two sons by her side, she took the oath from Mayor Henry and made history.

"Being promoted to sergeant is truly fantastic and I'm proud to be the first female to hold this position," Kanecke said. "I want to thank the city council and the police administration and Chief Lavigne for your confidence and I'll do my best to let you never regret that."

Kanecke began her time with the department in August 1997 as a dispatcher, and after a year at the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department she became South Amboy's first female officer in September 2001. Since then, she has become a mentor in the community and an inspiration to all the young women in the area.

"When I go to work and get stopped on the street and they tell me how I inspired them or how they commend me for holding this position, it's pretty awesome and I'm really proud of it," Kanecke said.

Chief of Police Darren Lavigne was on hand to congratulate Kanecke and say a few words about her promotion.



Officer Kanecke is sworn in as Sergeant
photo by Joseph L. Kuchie

He praised her abilities as a police officer and emphasized the respect her fellow officers have for her on the force.

"Officer Kanecke has always had the support of her fellow officers, and she was elected by her peers as the state delegate for PBA local number 63," Lavigne said. "She has done a great job at certain projects for that organization and her skills are tremendous."

Lavigne also went on to say that this wouldn't be the last ceremony that Kanecke takes part in. He believed that this was only the beginning in what will be a bright future for South Amboy's new sergeant.

"It would not surprise me if we gather here again in a few short years for perhaps another ceremony for officer Kanecke," Lavigne said. "I wish her well in her endeavors and I know she'll do an outstanding job."

Before joining the police department, Kanecke served on the South Amboy Board of Education from April 1993 to 1998 and was named Vice President of the School Board

a number of times during her term. She played a significant role during a difficult time for the city and helped make a lot of key changes in her five years of work.


"Officer Kanecke was very instrumental in the construction of our community school and the referendum that passed to the public," Lavigne said. "She was on the board at a crucial time and the city benefited from her service."

Mayor Henry was also very supportive of Kanecke's promotion and praised her before the ceremony and during the council meeting that followed. "I'd like to congratulate Sgt. Kanecke on her promotion and I know she'll do a great job in that area," he said.

Kanecke's duties will include assignment to the Uniformed Patrol Division as a squad member and will be responsible for the patrol officers assigned to her. She will also maintain her duties as senior TAC Officer, which she was promoted to in November 2011.

Resolution
R135-3/12
Passed
Unanimously

PERTH AMBOY - At the March 14, 2012 City Council Meeting the Council voted unanimously on Resolution R-135-3/12 which commended and congratulated Raquel Roche on attaining the status of Registered Municipal Clerk in the State of New Jersey.



Raquel Roche

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Fashion Show

PERTH AMBOY - The Women's History Month Fashion in the Spring, Fashion Show will be held on Friday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at the William C. McGinnis School located on 271 State Street. This program is sponsored by Wendy Leonardo, Forever Young Uniforms/Forever Enchanted Parties, Wendy's Angles Glam Squad and Dots. Admission for adults is \$3 and \$1 for teens. Children under age 12 are FREE. For more information contact the Office of Recreation at (732)-826-1690 x 4306.

Cruise Inn Show at Alameda Care Center

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a One Night Only Cruise Inn Show on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Alameda Care Center, 303 Elm St., Perth Amboy. Come and enjoy the best music from the '50's '60's & '70's. Everyone is welcome at our Cruise Night! Trophies, Good Food and Family Fun. For more info call Richie at 732-525-0412 or 732-442-9540.

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LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

EDITORIAL

Would the Ward System be Better?
What is your opinion?

Thomas Francis C. Peter B., Orlando P., Barbara S., Robert S., Tracy J. are probably recognizable names because they often write letters to the editors. People who approach me and tell me they are concerned about the problems that are going on in the City. When I tell those individuals to write a letter to the editor about their concerns they promise me they will and guess what - I'm still waiting!

One of the individuals who promised me a letter and hadn't got around to it has a concern about the voting process in Perth Amboy so I told him that I will write an editorial about what I think about the voting process and the things that need to be changed.

This individual was saying that the way the Council is made up right now does not represent the Citizens of Perth Amboy with two of the members living in the Spa Springs Section and three of them living in the High Street and Waterfront area.

This individual has brought it up at the Council Meetings that the system of voting in Perth Amboy needs to change and perhaps Perth Amboy should have a ward system (similar to that of South Amboy). Each Councilperson lives in a particular section of town and then you have a Councilperson-at-large who represents the whole town. The main problem that Perth Amboy may have with the ward system is that fact that you have to have individuals who are motivated to represent their section of town. Remember the system we have right now is open to anyone who can gather enough legitimate signatures on a petition to be handed in, verified by the City Clerk and can be placed on the ballot. Even when an individual who wants to run for office turns in his/her petitions, if he/she does not have enough val-

id signatures when the cutoff date is over, if that individual has a big enough filing, there is an outside possibility that he/she can be elected to office by write-in votes.

As you could see in the last couple of years a very small percentage of people who were registered to vote actually voted. Therefore that very small minority of people chose who was going to represent the people of Perth Amboy on the Council.

In my eyes, I don't know if doing a ward system in Perth Amboy would actually work. If those individuals that live in the other sections of town are not motivated to seek office, then you can't force them to do so.

Others might say that the ones that get elected have the big political party money backing them. That doesn't leave much room for the little guy. I remember when the late Richard Piatkowski was running for Assemblyman and he basically ran on a shoestring budget and he almost beat a candidate who was backed by powerful political bosses.

While the other candidates were having fundraisers at popular restaurants I can recall Richard having a small fundraiser that was funded by a political ally. I also remember at the Perth Amboy Council Meeting where Councilman Fernando Gonzalez told this individual what he can do to get this change implemented. The best way to go about it was to get a petition drawn up asking for this to be done.

C.M.



THE COMMUNITY VOICE

Outrageous!

It has been a while since I've written a letter to the newspapers, today I've decided that I couldn't sit back and allowed misinformation to cloud the minds of the citizens of Perth Amboy didn't allowed it in the past will not allow it today.

I am writing about a letter that was sent to the citizens of from Joe Vas Jr. This letter came to my possession through a third party as Joe Vas Jr. wasn't that stupid to send it to my house.

Joe Vas Jr. letter is about offering citizens help per profit to appeal their taxes. The way that he is phrasing his fee is very calculating as making you think that he is doing free labor as long as your tax appeal isn't approved but, we all know that all tax appeals are granted due to the crashed of the Real Estate market... He claims that big corporations are getting huge tax reductions while the common folk are left with the burden of the tax levy to compensate for the loss of revenue from the ap-

peals granted to the Corporations.

He mentions that we are paying taxes based on past market real estate values when the market peak at its highest point. All of the above makes complete sense but, he fails to tell you that it was his father who put through the reevaluation of our properties at the peak of the market making them over evaluated. I fought his father Joseph Vas against the reevaluation I knew that there was no reason to do it and that it will hurt all of us sooner or later. I also knew that the reason that Joe Vas had for the reevaluation was not for our benefit. The reason for the reevaluation was that Joe was short on cash and the Banks weren't extending any more credit to our city due to the huge debt that he had incurred. We all know that Joe Vas lied to all the citizens about the finances of our city and today we are well aware of the reasons for his decisions. Our Mayor Wilda Diaz has been trying for the past 4 years to decrease the huge debt

that Joe Vas left us with, along with other problematic situations that are becoming a huge burden for all of us.

Now, we are all suffering the consequences of his father's bad decisions. Many citizens are losing their homes due to this over inflated reevaluation and the tax burden that is still in place after the market crashed.

I am outraged that Joe Vas Jr. wants to financially benefit from what his father burden all of us with. He wants the citizens to hire him to represent them in appealing their taxes. I assured all the citizens that there is no need to hired Joe Vas Jr. to appeal your taxes it is a very easy process that you can do yourself and will only cost you \$25 dollars and time to go through the County court. I challenge Joe Vas Jr. to help the citizens of Perth Amboy with their tax appeals pro bono as we all know that he has benefitted from our city for 18 years is time to give back to us.

Maria Garcia

Forming of Personality

How many of our readers out there remember a hit song in the forties called, "Seems Like Old Times"? or how about "I Wonder"? Most of us wonder or think about the past, but that part of the game is over so let's hope that you benefited or learned from the early innings.

The New Generation often forgets that it takes time for things to happen. Rome was not built in a day or overnight and even takes time to make the coffee percolate. I have learned about life in my eight decades from my parents, teachers and clergy. As for a God and a hereafter, I may have doubts at times but the one thing that I'll always shave is Faith. You may recall a film with George Burns called, The next voice you hear is God." Some people would have to see God to believe.

When I was a kid people would say, "What you don't know won't hurt you." I wonder if Abraham Lincoln or Martin Luther King would agree?

How about, "The grass looks greener on the other side of the street" but have you ever been behind those closed doors? If your answer is no, then, "Don't

judge a book by its cover." Perhaps your own little corner of the world is not too bad and it could be worst.

Did you ever talk to a person that knows everything? There is only one side to a story and that is his. This person might call you on the phone and you answer, "Hello" your part of the conversation is over. You could go and have breakfast or lunch, come back and they would still be talking. You must have good excuses to get off the phone.

My mother used to say that there was nothing she hated more than a liar and a thief. I have added secretive to that. I had to change or modify the word hate. I hate shoveling snow or cutting grass but I don't hate people I might dislike a person because they cause me great discomfort or annoyance. I grew up in the old days and God has kept me going to see the new.

My Dad worked in New York. His hours were 9 to 5. They used to call them bankers hours. Mom was a housewife. I walked to and from school, came home for lunch and did my paper route each day. My radio programs came on at 5 p.m. My favorites were Tom Mix and Capt. Midnight. Supper would be at 6 p.m. In the evening Dad

would listen to Gabriel Heater who would say, "Good evening America and all the ships at sea." We read books and newspapers. Weekends were great. You could listen to radio programs like The Shadow or The Green Hornet and how about Bill Stern, "The Colgate shave cream man is on the air, the Colgate shave cream man with the stories rare." We also had the greatest boxer in the world. Do you remember the Brown Bomber? His name was Joe Louis. Top off the week on Sunday with a visit to Grandma and Grandpops house in Perth Amboy. The trip seemed so long to get there but the trip home was so short.

Let's turn the page now and go the fabulous new generation. They have it all but do they have happiness? No my friends, because the best things in life are not things .

The clock is running. How much time do you spend on your computer all day? if you are fortunate enough to have a T.V. how many hours do you spend watching the boo tube each day or night? Multiply that by 7 and you have the answer. This is daily repetition with time out to eat and sleep.

I believe the course of events in my life were determined

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Perth Amboy

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THURS. Mar 29	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave. Board of Education, 6 p.m. William C. McGinnis School
MON. Apr 2	PTO, PAHS School Library, 6 p.m. Perth Amboy High School, Eagle Ave.
TUES. Apr 3	Municipal Court, 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
WED Apr 4	Municipal Court, 1:30 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.
THURS. Apr 5	Municipal Court, 6 p.m., Court House, New Brunswick Ave.

South Amboy

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Two Police Officers Promoted - March 19, 2012
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Mayor Wilda Diaz Promotes
Two Perth Amboy Officers
Swearing-In Ceremony

News Release
PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Diaz and the Perth Amboy Police Department recently announced the promotion of two members of the Perth Amboy Police Department. A Swearing-In Ceremony was held with families of both officers in attendance at the City Hall Council Chambers.

“Sergeant Denise Sosulski has been a member of the Department since 1991, from her years of training and certification to facilitating the Accreditation process of the Perth Amboy Police Department. She has ad-

vanced in the Perth Amboy Police Department. Recently promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Sosulski is the second woman to hold this position in the history of the Police Department.

Police Officer Joseph Sulikowski began his career with the Patrol Bureau in 1999, with much training throughout the years and numerous awards. His latest heroic recognition is well deserved for helping save a women’s life on the Victory Bridge. He is honored with a promotion to Sergeant,” said Mayor Diaz.

The Community Voice
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by fate. The U.S. Army took me away for two years and after my discharge, I worked at one job after another. Mom would say, "A rolling stone gathers no moss." But I was gathering moss by working with people in every work of life. I didn't start college until I was 24 years old. This was another blessing because I was not ready for college at 17 or 18 years old. Rudyard Kipling wrote a poem called "If." In his poem he says, "If you can walk with kings and still not lose common touch." My rolling stone did gather moss because I could walk and talk with anyone. My advice to some young people is, "Don't jump into college at 17 or 18. Take a look at the real world for few years."

My Grandpop and my Nanna died in the winter of 1941. Grandpop was an Alderman in Perth Amboy. My Sunday trips to Perth Amboy were over Grandpop had a sign over his desk. It read, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, most of the people most of the time, but you can't fool all of the people all of the time."

My Dad died six months later so the outlook wasn't too brilliant. Dad liked the Yankees and Notre Dame. He often told me about Knute Rockne and George Gipp. What football fan hasn't heard about, "Win one for the Gipper?"

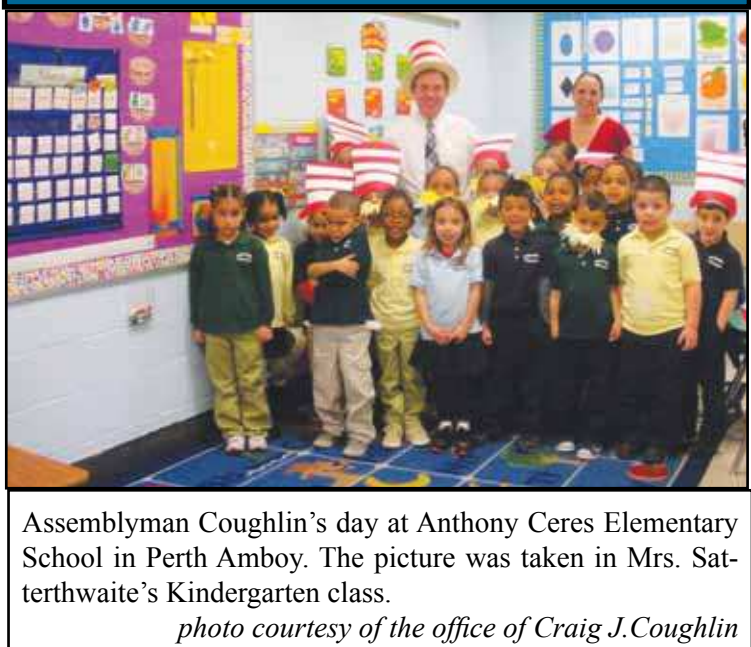
I thank God for keeping me in the ballgame and everyone out there has helped me. Some day when the going gets tough just keep me in your prayers and I'll win one for you.

Thomas Francis Clark

Rescuing the River - Photos submitted



Slovak Flag Raising - March 24, 2012
photos by Julius Warzybok



Assemblyman Coughlin’s day at Anthony Ceres Elementary School in Perth Amboy. The picture was taken in Mrs. Satterthwaite’s Kindergarten class.
photo courtesy of the office of Craig J. Coughlin



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HIV Support

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring an HIV support group meeting on Monday, Apr 2 at 6 p.m. Anyone diagnosed with or caring for someone infected with HIV is welcome to attend. Meetings are held at the hospital's Perth Amboy Division, New Brunswick Avenue.

To register or for more information, call (732) 324-5022.

Tot Time & Storytime

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Tot Time - (Ages 0-2) on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. and Storytime (Ages 3-5) on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. and Fridays Ages (Ages 6+) at 3:30 p.m. at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Movie Time

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a movie "The Muppets" Rated PG at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 26 at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Bridal Showcase

WOODBIDGE - There will be the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce Bridal Showcase on Sunday April 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US. Highway 1 South Iselin NJ. ADDMISSION IS FREE. Brides, grooms, families are all welcome. To register contact the Woodbridge Chamber of Commerce at 52 Main Street Woodbridge NJ. 07095 or call 732-636-4040 or e-mail woodbridgechamber@comcast.net.

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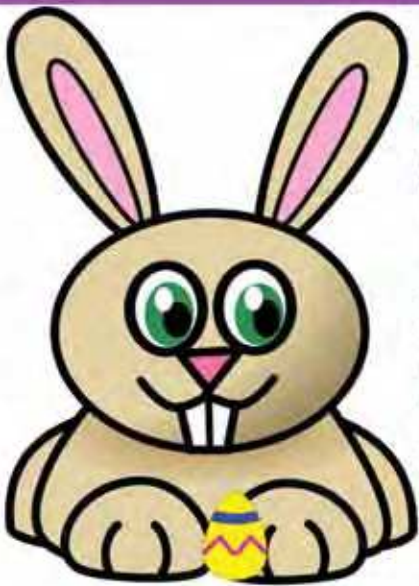



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Celebrate
Earth Day –
Plant a Seed

SOUTH AMBOY - Kids, mark your calendar for a fun event at the Dowdell Library: "Celebrate Earth Day – Plant a Seed," which is an Earth Day program which will be presented by South Amboy Community Gardens on Monday, April 23rd from 3:30 – 4:30 pm. Parents, introduce your child to planting a seed for a lifelong love of gardening!

Also, meet "Sisters in Crime" author, Chelle Martin at the Dowdell Library of South Amboy! Sisters in Crime will celebrate 25 years of working with librarians and booksellers in support of women writing crime fiction and will celebrate with a special event on Saturday, April 21 at the Sadie Pope Dowdell Library of South Amboy from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Chelle Martin will experience life as a librarian, so feel free to stop by and ask her about mystery writing or "Sisters in Crime!"

Don't forget to ask about the children's and young adult art contest taking place through April 30th.

Need homework help? Don't forget to ask the librarians. Free online resources on the library's web page make report writing easy!

The library is adjacent to the South Amboy High School off O'Leary Blvd. Library hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 am – 8 pm; Wednesday and Friday 10 am – 5 pm and Saturday 12 noon – 4 pm. Directions: www.dowdell.org

For additional information, contact the library at comments@dowdell.org or 732-721-6060.

WOODBIDGE - There will be an Easter Parade on Saturday, April 7 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge at 1 p.m. Prizes will be given. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local pantry. For more info call 732-596-4048.



WOODBIDGE - There will be a Easter Bone Hunt for your family and pets on Sunday, April 1 from 11 am. to 2 p.m at Parker Press Grounds, Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Bring your leashed dogs to hunt for the yummy, holistic Easter bones! Enter contests, win prizes and meet some of the adoptable pets from the Woodbridge Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center. Contest and prizes for best Easter Outfit, Best Kisser, and best trick (dogs of course)! Free to the public.

COLONIA - The 9th Annual Easter Bonnet Parade, Mini Easter Egg Hunt & Much More will be on Sunday, April 1 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Colonia Middle School, 100 Delaware Ave., Colonia. \$5 Donation per child. Adults Free. Join us for an afternoon of family fun. Activities begin at 1 p.m. Parade begins at 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, most creative and best looking bonnet or hat. Vendors needed \$20 donation per table. All proceeds will be used to build a gazebo to be placed in Charlie Shaughnessy Park in memory of LCP Kevin Reinhard of Colonia, who lost his life while serving our country in Afghanistan.



WOODBIDGE - There will be pictures with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, March 31 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sponsored by Walgreens. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local pantry. For more info call 732-596-4048.

SOUTH AMBOY - Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave on Sat. April 7th 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Includes Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausages, Hash Browns, Pancakes and More. Adults \$8, Children 8-12 \$3, under 8-Free. All Proceeds to benefit lodge charities. For more info- call the lodge 732-727-7170.

PERTH AMBOY - St. John the Baptist Church is having an Easter Bake Sale. All Orders must be placed no later than Friday, March 30. Call 732-826-7067 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. to place your order. All Items are Handmade. Cake - poppy seed, nut, apricot, raspberry and prune - \$10. Pick-up dates are Tuesday, April 3 thru Thursday, April 5. Orders can be picked up at 404 Division St., Perth Amboy - Thank you for your order!



WOODBIDGE - There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, April 6 at Parker Press Park, 400 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Come get your eggs - where will they be hidden? Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local pantry. For more info call 732-596-4048.

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Happy Easter from the Amboy Guardian



Anna Makar and Deacon Paul Makar
photo by Katherine Massopust

Congratulations to Deacon Paul Makar
on His 25th Anniversary of Ordination

PERTH AMBOY - Deacon Paul Makar is a graduate of Rutgers University and began his theological studies at St. Peter’s College in Jersey City. He then enrolled in St. John’s University, Jamaica, New York to begin graduate studies where he received his Master’s Degree in The-

ology. He was ordained on March 25, 1987. Deacon Paul also studied chemistry at New York University, holds a MBA from Wagner College and has taken post-graduate courses at Seton Hall (Immaculate Conception Seminary).

7th Annual
OLV Easter
Friendship
Meal

SAYREVILLE - There will be a Easter Friendship Meal at Our Lady of Victory Church, Msgr. Dalton Hall, Main St. Sayreville, on Saturday, March 31(Day before Palm Sunday) from 12 Noon to 2 p.m. Eat in or Take Out. This meal is provided FREE OF CHARGE (all food is donated) for anyone who would like to be in some friendly company... whatever the reason! Bring a Friend! Delivery to home-bound parishioners available (tell Paula). Reservations must be made by calling Paula 732-257-0077 - No later than Monday, March 26.

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**Ethnic
Buffet Night**

Perth Amboy-St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church, Saturday April 28 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The dinner will take place in the church school cafeteria, 490 State St. Advance ticket sales until April 14 - \$12. After April 14 - \$14 Under 10 yrs - free. Menu includes Soup, Salad, Potato and Cheese Pierogi, Meatless Baked Ziti, a Taco Station, Coffee, Tea, Soda and Desserts. Call Brian at 732-589-4981 for more info.

**A.A.R.P.
Meeting**

SAYREVILLE - The Sayreville Chapter #4853 of A.A.R.P. Meetings are held at the Sayreville Senior Center (Main St.) on the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 12 NOON. There are different informative speakers at each meeting. Food and coffee are offered at reasonable prices. Membership is \$5 per year. New members are welcomed at every meeting. Come and make some new friends.

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**Employment
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PERTH AMBOY - The NAACP Perth Amboy Branch in collaboration with The City of Perth Amboy, Dept. of Human Services presents an Employment Forum, "Searching for Employment", "Resume Writing", "Interview Readiness" on Saturday, March 31 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Raritan Bay YMCA, 357 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. *Vendors Welcome* For more info contact Sandette - 908-305-8519 or access www.naacp-perthamboyarea.org

**Scholarship
Available**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy ELKS :Elks Care, Elks Share Scholarship applications are now available. One \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a deserving senior from each of the five area high schools: South Amboy, Sayreville, Perth Amboy, South River and Cardinal McCarrick. For more information visit www.elks.org and refer to Lodge #784 website or email susanapeterson@aol.com. Deadline for applications is May 1, 2012.

**"Re-Gift"
Bingo**

SOUTH AMBOY - To Benefit Alise Strawhand and Family, South Amboy Elks #784 Presents: "RE-GIFT" BINGO. You must bring "One Wrapped Gift" to enter. DATE: Friday April 20th TIME: 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at 601 Washington Ave., South Amboy cost is \$1 per Bingo Sheet. Here is your chance to get rid of those unwanted gifts you have laying around the house. Outside Food Permitted. Refreshments and Cash Bar Available. For more info call 732-727-7170.

**Dinner with
our Menlo
Park
Veterans.**

SOUTH AMBOY - South Amboy Elks #784 Annual Dinner with our Menlo Park Veterans will be on Friday April 27 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 601 Washington Ave. South Amboy. Spaghetti and Meatballs will be served. \$12 Adults \$6 Kids Children under 5 Free. Takeout Available. Proceeds to benefit the programs of the veteran committee. For more info call 732-727-7170.



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**Book Reading
for New Local
Author**

PERTH AMBOY - Introducing Kristyann D'errico of Color Him Crazy: Dating Memoirs of a New Jersey Hairdresser will be giving a book reading on Thursday, March 29 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the Raritan Bay Coffee Shop, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy. (Inside the Historic Train Station, northbound NYC platform - Free parking after 6 p.m.) Any Questions? email raritanbaycoffee@gmail.com or call 848-203-3432.

**Raritan Bay Area YMCA
Hosts Special Olympics
Jersey Waves Special Olympics Swim Meet**

News Release

PERTH AMBOY - On Sunday, March 25, 2012 the RARITAN BAY AREA YMCA, for the first time, hosted the Middlesex and Union Counties Special Olympics Swim Meet. We opened our doors to the brand new team, which consists of 14 athletes all of whom are new to NJ Special Olympics. I am the parent of a Jersey Waves athlete, as well as the Local Training Program Coordinator. On Sunday, March 25, there will be three Area 5 swim

teams competing to advance to the next level which is the Sectional Swim Meet which will be held in April in Hightstown, NJ. If the athletes qualify at Sectionals, they will advance to the Summer Olympics held in June at The College of New Jersey. We would love for you to support the Jersey Waves in action on Sunday March 25 and bring awareness of the activities offered through NJ Special Olympics! For more information please contact Steve Jobin, President & CEO at 732.442.3632 or sjobin@rbaymca.org

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**90's Birthday
Bash**

OLD BRIDGE - The Middlesex County Office of Aging & Disabled Services Cordially Invites Seniors, 90 and over to a celebration of life in their honor. Wednesday, May 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Bridge Senior Center, George J. Bush Center, 1 Old Bridge Plaza, Old Bridge. For more info call 732-721-5600 ext. 6600. RSVP by April 11 by calling 732-745-4267. Sponsored by the Middlesex Co. Office of Aging & Disabled Services. Hosted by Old Bridge Township Senior Center.

**Bariatric
Weight Loss
Support**

OLD BRIDGE - Raritan Bay Medical Center is sponsoring a Bariatric Weight Loss Support Group meeting Wednesday, March 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at its Old Bridge location. For individuals who have had weight loss surgery, are contemplating weight loss surgery or are trying to maintain a healthy weight. Family and friends are welcome. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria in the Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the hospital on Ferry Rd. between Routes 9 & 18. For more information, call 1-855-TIME-4.ME (1-855-846-3463).

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PERTH AMBOY - Avoid using a paid tax preparer and save up to \$300. If you made less than \$60,000 in 2011, you can get your taxes done for free by IRS-certified volunteers at locations throughout the community. The free tax sites also help eligible taxpayers claim important tax credits and increase their income. Some of the credits include: 1 The Earned Income Tax Credit, 1 Energy Credit, 1 Childcare Credit. Get your tax return prepared at the Jewish Renaissance Foundation, 149 Kearny Avenue, Perth Amboy, Schedule an appointment for free tax preparation. Call Tania 732 324-2180 Sponsored by the United Way of Central Jersey and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation.

**Music on
Main Street**

WOODBIDGE - There will be a concert of Fred Tackett & Paul Barrere on Thursday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church, 69 Main Street, Woodbridge. The guitarists of Little Feat playing the music of Little Feat & more. Tickets: \$30 advance \$35 at door.

**Happy Hour
Workshop**

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center's Division of Integrative Medicine is offering a Happy Hour Wednesday, March 28, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Raritan Bay Area YMCA, 365 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. Join Denise Reisert, EMP/RCP and Robin Matteo, EMP for an hour of positivity, transformation, and connection with like-minded souls that will leave you feeling more open, uplifted and lighter of spirit. Each individual workshop will be filled with activities and thoughtful conversation. Cost is \$10 per person. For more information and to register, call 1-800-362-8677

**Perth Amboy
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PERTH AMBOY - The Happy Home Shelter (Not affiliated with the Perth Amboy City Shelter) is a 501C-3 Non-Profit Organization and is in need of volunteers, donations and fosters. Please donate PET SUPPLIES, FOOD, CHECKS or GIFT CARDS. SEND to: 362 State Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861 or DROP OFF DONATIONS at PetSmart on Adoption Days. ADOPT precious KITTIES & DOGGIES @ Woodbridge PetsSmart on Sundays 12-5pm. OPEN YOUR HEART to a homeless animal and SAVE A LIFE! Make a Difference! HOST A PET FOOD DRIVE For more information, email vmoralespps@yahoo.com or call 1-732-486-6382 or 732-277-7650 or 732-826-1124 or email PAHHS2010@aol.com. Visit and LIKE our FACEBOOK page @ Perth Amboy Happy Home Shelter. Perth Amboy happy home shelter needs a lot of help for the animals. Perth Amboy's animals are suffering. Help us raise the money to rescue, spay and neuter more kitties so they don't suffer on the streets and have a chance to be adopted. Adopt, spay, neuter, love...

**Free
Breakfast**

EDISON - There will be a free breakfast at the Pines Manor, 2085 State Rt. 27, Edison on Thursday, March 29 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a full Breakfast. Free will offering. Your donations will benefit battered women. RSVP ASAP Charisse 732-271-3450.

Beach Sweep

SOUTH AMBOY - Let's make our beach something to be proud of again! Come on Saturday, April 21 at 9 a.m. to South Amboy Fishing Beach! Rain or Shine! Bring your own rake if possible. Work off your community service hours. Eagle Scout Branden Lenahan, South Amboy Troop #91. Any Questions? Email imlenahan16@gmail.com.

**Dog Walk &
Pet Fair**

WOODBIDGE - The Woodbridge Animal Shelter is sponsoring the 5th Annual Dog Walk & Pet Fair on Sunday, May 20 Registration starts at 10 a.m. Rain or Shine! All leashed pets welcome! Walk Starts 11 a.m. Walk starts at Alvin P. Williams Park, Cliff Road, Sewaren and ends at the Woodbridge Animal Shelter, 195 Woodbridge Ave., Woodbridge. There will be raffles, food, vendors, dog contests, live music. Meet adoptable animals and more! For more info email krisehlers@comcast.net. All proceeds benefit the Woodbridge Township Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center.

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ISELIN - The Multicultural Grand Cotillion Scholarship Society invites Senior Debutantes & Senior Escorts, Ages 15-17, Junior Debutantes & Junior Escorts, Ages 11-14, Flowers & Pages, Ages 5-10 to participate in the Grand Debutant Cotillion 2012 on Sunday, May 20 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Renaissance Woodbridge Hotel, 515 US Highway One South, Iselin. Registration is at the Puerto Rican Association Building (PRAHD), 100 First St, Perth Amboy. There will be a 12 week dance rehearsal from Feb 4 to April 28. Workshops to be held in March. A non-refundable \$60 registration fee is due. For more info call Barbara Walker at 732-277-9576 or email mgcotillion@graduate.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

The Titanic 100 Years Later

By Beverly Samuelson

The Sadie Dowdell Library in South Amboy hosted “The Titanic” on March 19th. The presentation was given by Charles Haas, president of The Titanic International Society. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Dowdell Library, Elaine Gaber, Director. There were about 100 residents in attendance.

Mr. Haas began with the night of the tragic event on April 10, 1912. At that time ocean liners were not equipped with emergency systems, there were no sirens, no public address system. When the full impact of what happened was realized there was panic among the passengers. The ship contained 3500 souls which included passengers and crew. Life boat space would accommodate only 1178 people.

In 1985 the LeSuroit, a French research vessel, along with the Knorr a U.S. vessel, scanned the area where the Titanic was suppose to have been lost. After a few days the LeSuroit left. The Knorr stayed and searched further and discovered the exact location and the remains of the Titanic. The location is 1000 miles east of New York City.

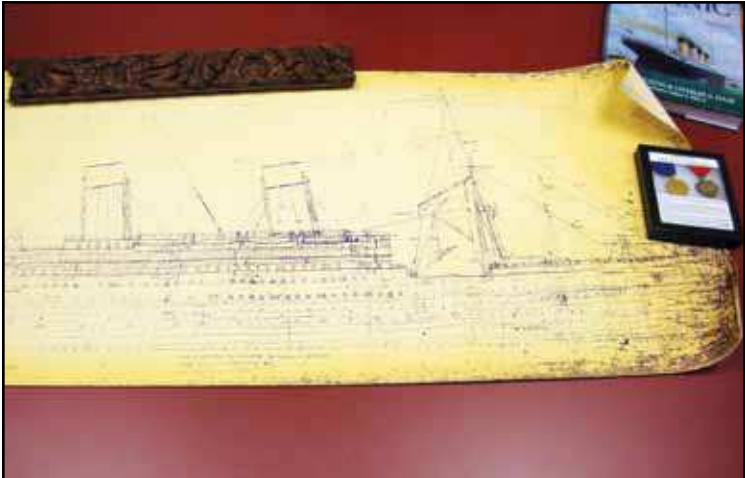
Over the next few years different research teams attempted to reach the ship. Then on June 10, 1993, Charles Haas, went along on a dive aboard the Nautile sub for a dive to the Titanic. Mr. Haas spoke of how the mission was both exciting and terrifying at the same time. He also states that, “It was the most exciting experience of my life”. He spoke of how the ship is deteriorating everyday. How steel is being eaten by bacteria and how the ship will eventually

be gone forever as it crumbles to dust on the ocean floor.

At the end of the presentation Mr. Haas spoke of Melvina Dean who was the last know survivor of the Titanic. She passed away on May 31, 2009 at the age of 98. He also announced that on April 15, 2012 the Discovery Channel will have a special on the Titanic, commemorating it’s 100th anniversary.

Through the years 5500 artifacts were collected for exhibition at several venues throughout the world. He brought with him to the presentation, a piece of carpet, wood from the grand stairway, honor metals, money and the original architectural drawing of the Titanic.

This was a very moving and historical presentation. Mr. Haas presented the events of the demise of the Titanic in great detail. The event was greatly enjoyed by all.



photos by Aaron Beers

Thomas Mundy Peterson

PERTH AMBOY - Thomas Mundy Peterson who was a Perth Amboy resident. He was the first African-American to vote in an election under the Fifteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution. His historic vote occurred on March 31, 1870 in Perth Amboy City Hall. On January 2, 2012 noted historian, author and lecturer Gordon Bond spoke in Perth Amboy at the Ferry Slip Museum about the circumstances leading up to that historic vote. During the discussion Bond gave a detailed background not only of Mr. Peterson but of some of the well-known abolitionists in the area such as Rebecca and Marcus Spring whom were intertwined in the Mundy Peterson story.

On May 30, 1884 Peterson was honored by the City of



Gordon Bond at the Ferry Slip Museum

Perth Amboy with a medal to commemorate his historic vote. Thomas Peterson never felt he was completely dressed unless he wore his medal on his coat and over his heart. March 31 is annually celebrated as Thomas Mundy Peterson Day. In Perth Amboy, Elementary School No. 1 was

once called Thomas Mundy Peterson School in his honor. It now serves as an annex to William C. McGinnis Middle School located on State Street. For more information or to learn more on Thomas Mundy Peterson or to have Gordon Bond speak to your organization contact 732-356-2992.

Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening
Romone’s Pit Restaurant - March 22, 2012

photos by Katherine Massopust



Neighborhood Business Meetings

PERTH AMBOY - The Urban Enterprise Zone Program and the Business Improvement District, are once again coordinating a series of meetings with business owners in various parts of our city.

As in previous years, the

objective of these meetings is to bring government into the neighborhoods. The agenda consists of a 3-5 minute presentation by City Directors about department operations and services available to the community. The main purpose is to provide small settings

and hear business owners’ comments and input that will help us improve the delivery of services. For more info call Roxana Troche at 732-442-6421. The 2012 Neighborhood Business Meetings schedule is as follows:

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
Wednesday, Mar. 28	12 noon	The Barge Restaurant	201 Front Street
Wednesday, Apr. 11	12 noon	Karini II Restaurant	299 New Brunswick Ave.
Wednesday, Apr. 18	5:00 p.m.	Latin Grill	586 Amboy Avenue
Wednesday, Apr. 25	5:00 p.m.	El Taco Loco	308 State St.

Knitting Circle

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be a Knitting Circle on the first and third Tuesday each month at 6 p.m. at the Dowdell Library, 100 Harold G. Hoffman Plaza, South Amboy. For more info call 732-721-6060.

Book Sale

PERTH AMBOY - There is an ongoing book sale at the Perth Amboy Free Public Library, 196 Jefferson St., Perth Amboy. Fill a bag for \$5. New books have arrived! Mystery, Classics, Popular Authors! Book Dealers Welcome. For more info call 732-826-2600. There are also books for sale at Raritan Bay Coffee Company (at the Historic Train Station)

Meditation: A Pathway to Peace & Happiness

PERTH AMBOY - There will be a free program on Wednesday, April 4 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with Jim Rose, M.Ed. - Meditation: A Pathway to Peace & Happiness at the Raritan Bay Coffee Company, 233 Smith St., Perth Amboy (Inside the Historic Train Station, northbound NYC platform - Free parking after 6 p.m.) RSVP raritanbaycoffee@gmail.com or 848-203-3432.

Kid's Bingo

SEWAREN - The Sewaren Free Public Library welcomes kids in grades K-5 and their accompanying adults & siblings for a fun night of BINGO! This event will be on the 1st Friday of every month at 7 p.m. from October through May. The remaining dates are: 4/6 & 5/4. Come one, come all, but sign up is required every time. For more info or to register call 732-634-7571. Sewaren Library welcomes patrons from all towns, not just Sewaren. The Sewaren Free Public Library is located at 546 West Ave., Sewaren.

15th Annual Inspirations Spring Art Show

PERTH AMBOY - The 15th Annual Inspirations Art Show will be on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Concourse Gallery, 530 New Brunswick Ave., Perth Amboy. \$50 per person. Please RSVP by Monday, April 9. Sponsorship available. Call for more details. 732-324-5374 or email. foundation@rbmc.org. Register online at www.rbmcfoundation.org. Honoring the Past . . . Illuminating the Future. Proceeds to benefit the Wilentz Patient Care Center at Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Open Mic

PERTH AMBOY - There will be an Poetry and Music Open Mic Night every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Perth Amboy Gallery for the Arts, 339 Reade St., Perth Amboy. Come show off your talent. For more information contact 732-826-1690 ext. 4325.

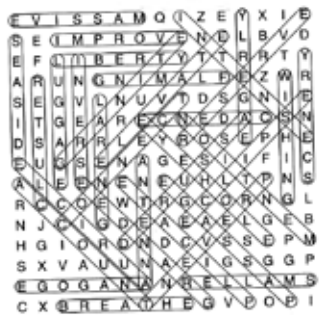
Lent Fish Frys

SOUTH AMBOY - There will be Lent Fish Fries every Friday at the South Amboy ELKS, 601 Washington Ave. from 2/24/12 to 4/4/12 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost ranges from \$8 to \$15. Diners offered from Haddock sandwich to Fried Seafood Combo. Chicken Fingers and Kids Meals also available. Eat in or Take out. Call 732-727-7170 for more info or to place an order.

OLV Seniors Trip to American Music Theater

Featuring Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons
SAYREVILLE - The OLV Seniors are sponsoring a bus trip to the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The date of the trip is Thursday, May 17. The price of the trip is \$150 which includes: the price of the show ticket, bus transportation, bus gratuity, dinner at Shady Maple, and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave OLV lower parking lot at 2 p.m. and return approximately at 12:30 a.m. For further information or to make a reservation, please contact (732) 727-7639.

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LOOKING BACK



PERTH AMBOY - circa 1930's. The WPA project created jobs for people during the 1930's Great Depression.

Photo Courtesy of Richie Alexander

This photo was restored under a grant for the Kearny Cottage Archiving project by the Middlesex Cultural and Heritage Commission

Senior Scene

Happenings

Perth Amboy

TODAY Mar 28 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
THURS., Mar 29 The Cathedral International Seniors, 9:30 a.m., Family Life Center, Madison Ave.
MON., Apr 2 St. James Golden Girls, 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall, Commerce St.
TUES., Apr 3 Holy Spirit Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Church Hall, Brace Ave.
• Market Square Seniors, 1 p.m., Presbyterian Center, Market St.
WED Apr 4 Simpson Seniors, 10 a.m., Williamson Hall, High St.
• Holy Rosary Seniors, 12:30 p.m., Auditorium, Florida Grove Rd.
• St. Stephen's Seniors, 1 p.m., Cafeteria, State St.
• Holy Trinity Seniors, 1 p.m., Church Hall, Lawrie & Johnstone Sts.

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***Veteran
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MILLTOWN - The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County is offering Veteran Employment Services. Qualifications - You must be a Military Veteran between the ages of 18 to 64 and a Resident of Central NJ and have Documentation of Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) (Defined as an injury to the brain, caused by external physical force such as a fall, physical violence, car accident or sports injury). For more info call Phone: 732-777-1940 or Fax: 732-777-1889 Email: office@jfv.org. The Jewish Family and Vocational Service Of Middlesex County, 32 Ford Avenue, Second Floor, Milltown, New Jersey 08850 or go to WWW.JFVS.ORG. This program is funded by a grant from the Kessler foundation

All You Can Eat Filet Mignon Dinner

SOUTH AMBOY - The Old Bridge Sayreville Rotary is hosting its 4th Annual Ultimate Beefsteak on Friday, April 21st. Proceeds from this all you can eat filet mignon dinner will benefit area food banks. The event takes place at Sacred Heart Memorial Hall, located at Main Street and Washington Ave. in South Amboy. Dinner is served promptly at 6:30 and the menu, catered by The Brownstone from "Real Housewives of New Jersey", includes cold antipasto, sliced beef tenderloin, penne in tomato basil sauce, french fries, ice cream cake, coffee, tea, and soda. BYOB. Cost is \$40 per person and tables of 10 can be reserved. A comic and DJ will be on hand for your evening's entertainment!

Advance ticket sales only, and space is limited. For more information, or to purchase tickets call Glenn at (732) 921-1468, or Jeff at (732) 921-1466. Tickets may also be purchased at Pride Landscape Supply, 350 Ernston Rd., Parlin.

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Cardiac Club

PERTH AMBOY - RBMC's Cardiac Club will meet Mon., Apr 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m., 530 New Brunswick Ave in the hospital's Centennial Hall. Explore heart conditions and healthy living. Refreshments will be served. For more info call 1-800-362-8677.

Motivational Seminar

WOODBIDGE - There will be a seminar, **Motivating & Managing Your Employees** on Wednesday, April 4 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The event is presented by Dominick Bratti, Esq., shareholder of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer and Milton J. Paris, President of Getting Ahead in Business. RSVP by Thursday, March 29 for this complimentary breakfast seminar.

34th Annual Geranium Sale

PERTH AMBOY - Raritan Bay Medical Center is having their annual Geranium Sale on Monday, May 7. \$30 per Dozen. \$3.50 each plant. Orders are due by Friday, April 30. Also available - hanging Geranium Plants - \$20 each. Pick-up on Monday, May 7: outside of the medical center at Groom Street Entrance 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please indicate # of geraniums and color: bubble gum pink, white, ruby red, fuchsia, or hanging geranium plant. Call Joan at 732-442-0629 for more info.

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