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Loyalty Day

Held at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center on April 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. by the Wood-Ridge V.F.W., Post 3616



Pictured from left to right are: Ron Michels (Post Adjutant) - Burt Alkin (MC of the program and Past Commander) - Jan West (President, Ladies Auxiliary) - Joe Cecere (Post 3616 Commander) - Stan Dobek (Sr. Vice Commander)

It was a pleasant evening on Tuesday, April 26th as the Wood-Ridge V.F.W., Post 3616 along with the Ladies Auxiliary had presented Loyalty Day at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center.

Loyalty Day began in 1921. On Thursday, May 1, 1930 the V.F.W. had 10,000 members put on a rally at New York's Union Square to promote patriotism. As a result, a resolution was adopted in 1949 establishing May 1st as Loyalty Day.

In 1958 Congress enacted Public Law 529 proclaiming Loyalty Day as a permanent fixture on the nation's calendar. As a result on the passage of this law, President Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed May 1, 1959 the first official observance of Loyalty Day.

Loyalty Day is celebrated across the United States with ceremonies and parades, however, many

people are unaware of this occasion. Even though it is a legal holiday, it is not a Federal holiday and is not commonly observed. Now among this excellent attendance were Wood-Ridge Mayor/State Senator Paul A. Sarlo, Wood-Ridge Council members Thomas C. Gonnella, Ezio Altamura, Council President Dominick Azolini, and Councilwoman Catherine Cassidy, Wood-Ridge Police Chief Joseph T. Rutigliano, members of the Wood-Ridge Fire Department, and more. This year's Voice of Democracy essay winners from Wood-Ridge High School are 1st Place winner Omid Irani, 2nd Place winner Dan Sartori, and 3rd Place winner Joy Burns. For outstanding Wood-Ridge Fireman goes to First Assistant Chief, Anthony J. Gentile and Wood-Ridge Law Enforcement Officer, Jerome Onnembo.

For your listening pleasure, we have uploaded the audio portion of this Loyalty Day event onto our website at woodridgenews.net. Simply click on the "Issues" link, then click on the "June 2011" link, and finally click on the words of "Loyalty Day" throughout this article.

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Skip Conroy - Quartermaster
 Loyalty Day Photos by Rich Domanski

Monthly Meetings

Wednesday, June 1st
Zoning Board

7:00 p.m., Boro Hall.

Thursday, June 2nd
Board of Health

7:30 p.m., Boro Hall.

Monday, June 13th
Shade Tree

6:30 p.m., Boro Hall.

Library Board

7:00 p.m., Library.

Tuesday, June 21st
Mayor & Council

Executive session and public meeting 6:00 p.m., Boro Hall.

Wednesday, June 22nd
Planning Board

7:00 p.m., Boro Hall.



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Arbor Day Celebration at the Catherine E. Doyle School

On Thursday, April 28, 2011, Catherine E. Doyle School held an Arbor Day Celebration that was sponsored by the Wood-Ridge Shade Tree Commission for the third grade. George Meglio, Chairman of the Wood-Ridge Shade Tree Commission along with Wood-Ridge Council President, Dominick Azzolini was present and participated at this event. The students from the third grade

were wonderfully involved with this program. Various third grade students were selected to read a portion about the history of Arbor Day. Now among this event were Principal Anthony Albro, third grade teacher, Bonnie Campagna, and music teacher, Ms. Strychnewicz. The audio portion of this event is available on our website at woodridgenews.net. Simply click on the words of "Arbor Day" in this article when you review our on-line version.

whose specialty is the training of dogs that are instrumental in the search for narcotics and explosives. He pointed out that it is an expensive and time-consuming task to train the dogs to become as accomplished as they are in performing their functions. He took us through some of the steps in training and then introduced us to George, whose special talent is in sniffing out narcotics and a second dog that is used in locating explosives two very beautiful and extremely well-trained animals. The dogs live with Officer Schielzo and his family and, as he pointed out, are in reality a true part of his family. It was a most informative and enjoyable presentation.

We then held a short business meeting and adjourned for refreshments which were served by our hostesses for the month, Arlene Hohnecker and Dorothy McKenzie.

We are always looking for new members. We meet on the first and third Thursday of every month. If interested, please join us for a very pleasant and enjoyable afternoon.

Our Installation luncheon is set for Thursday, June 16 at Justin's on Hackensack Street at 1:00. The cost will be \$20.00 for a delicious lunch.

Loyalty Day

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Shown above are the 2011 Voice of Democracy essay winners from Wood-Ridge High School. From middle to right is 1st place winner Omid Irani and 2nd place winner Dan Sartori shown with Jan West, President of the Ladies Auxiliary.



From top middle to right is George Meglio and Council President Dominick Azzolini along with the students from third grade.



Pictured above from left to right is Ron Michels, Post Adjutant with the outstanding Wood-Ridge Fireman, Anthony J. Gentile accepting the award from Joe Cecere Post 3616 Commander and Mayor/Senator Paul A. Sarlo.



From left to right is George Megleo, with Third Grade Teacher, Bonnie Campagna, and Principal Anthony Albro along with the third grade students.



Pictured above from left to right is outstanding Wood-Ridge Law Enforcement Officer, Jerome Onnembo accepting the award from Joe Cecere Post 3616 Commander and Mayor/Senator Paul A. Sarlo.



From left to right is Music Teacher Ms. Strychnewicz, and Principal Anthony Albro with the students from third grade.

Happy Father's Day!
 Sunday, June 19th



60-Plus Club

By Dan Giammatteo

At our May 5th meeting, we were pleased to have Officer Schielzo of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office,

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library Summer Story-Time Hours

Wood-Ridge Memorial Library will offer weekly summer story times for young children between the dates of June 16th and August 19th. "Toddler Time" for children ages one and two years old will be held on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. beginning June 16th. "Pre-school Pals" for children ages three through five years old will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 12:30 p.m. beginning June 17th. Space is limited for these programs, and preference will be given to Wood-Ridge residents. Registration is REQUIRED for all story-times and begins June 1st. For more information or to register, e-mail Emily at wrdgchild@bccls.org or call the library at (201) 438-2455.



ART JUST ART

By Gerry Cuozzo

“Art” is a three letter word with momentous implications. It has touched the hearts and souls of Popes and Kings and influenced their day to day activities. It has remained a viable form of expression for thousands of centuries, dating from 25,000 B.C. with the paintings on the walls of the caves in Las-

caux, France. These primitive man expressed the animals and plants in his vicinity, indicated some of his activities (perhaps his sacred rituals) and made known he is aware of his own existence by leaving patterns of his hand prints on the cave walls.

These beings “muses” whose function was to inspire and influence every facet of the artist’s creation. There was a Muse for each type of art form i.e., a Muse for painting, one for sculpture; music; dance; literature; poetry etc.



But what exactly is a work of fine art? What qualities separate fine art painting from the picture on a billboard? What are the essentials that elevate an artist’s sculpture to the realm of fine art and separate it from a lego model? In short, how do we define “fine art”?

Here is a hint. The ancient Greeks and Romans came close but just missed

the mark. They placed the essential qualities and attributes necessary to create the forms of fine art in demigods who then influenced the artist. The Greeks and Romans called

initial work “Painting and Reality” took an ontological approach to fine art. He likened the artist to a creator and his work to a being with a life span of its own having a beginning (inspiration), a period of being (its years of exhibition and restoration) and an end (ultimate degeneration). But all of the above attempts to explain the essence and meaning of “Fine Art” are missing one important element without which they are incomplete. H. W. Janson in his monumental tome “The History of Art” hit the nail on the head. This book should be familiar to most Fine Art Majors as it is usually required



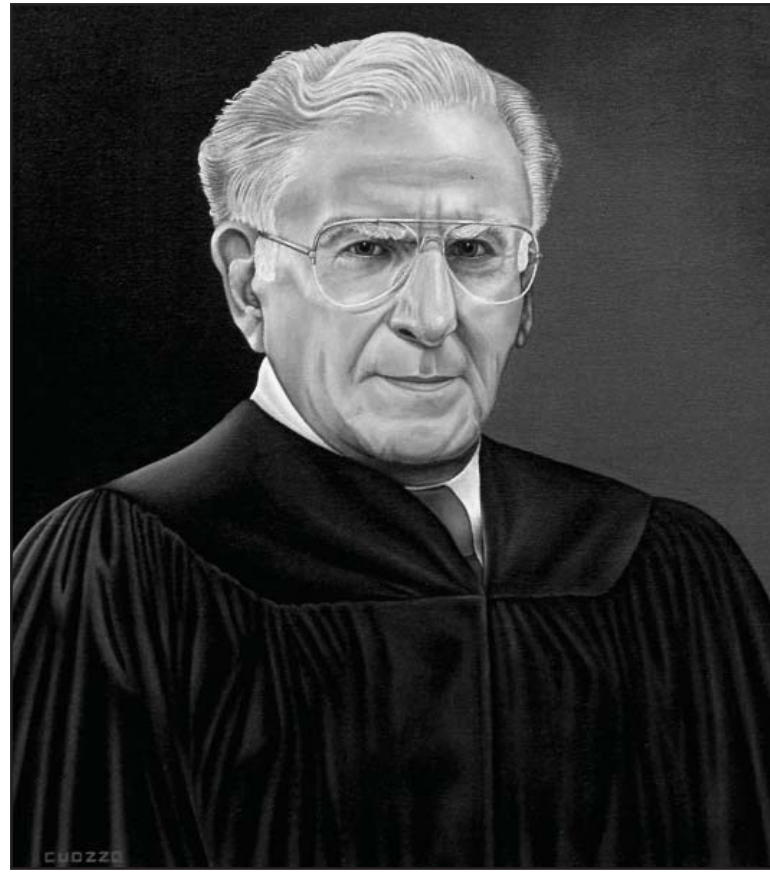
reading in the first year of undergraduate study. Janson agrees that “Art” is not only a creation and expression of the artist’s psyche, but here is where he addresses the essen-

tial element which must underlie all Fine Art and without which Art be-

comes merely a craft. This element is “Imagination”. All Fine Art must originate and proceed from “a leap of the imagination”, a soaring of the consciousness without which “Fine Art” cannot exist. At this point a couple of examples will help to clarify the concept Jason had in mind when he used the phrase “leap of the imagination”. Marcel Duchamp, a contemporary of the great Picasso and best known for the cubist painting, circa 1914, “Nude Descending a Staircase” and an abstract on glass known as “The Bride” once exhibited a common public bathroom urinal, conspicuously signed with his usual signature. The act of signing the urinal and exhibiting it was the “Leap of the Imagination” that transformed this banal object into a work of Fine Art.

of the historic and modern art movements. I will also explain some of the

techniques of the different types of fine art and painting, e.g. oil, acrylic, watercolor, and gouache. I will also speak about the chemistry of fine art paints and mediums, introduce basic color theory and perspective systems, and give you some tips on how best to conserve and restore artworks. There will also be some surprises along the way. Till next time!



Volunteers are once again needed to help clean our shopping districts and raise awareness of the effects of litter in our community. Last year over 125 volunteers participated! Both adults and children are welcome. The Bergen County Board of Health will provide cleaning utensils, gloves, brooms and bags. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center at 1:00 p.m. Free hot dogs and other refreshments will be served after the clean up. To sign up, please call Borough Hall at 201-939-0202, extension 1, and leave your name and telephone number. Also, let us know how many adult or children’s t-shirts should be ordered. KWRB will also host a paper shredding event that day at the Senior Center to

be held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There are rules to remember for the paper shredding event such as no binders, plastic, metal, and X-rays. This is offered to Bergen County residents only, no businesses. Clean-up your town and your home. For additional information, please contact Councilman Ezio Altamura at 201-939-0202, ext 1. Join your friends, neighbors, and help “KEEP WOOD-RIDGE BEAUTIFUL” Thank you!

Music Collection Expanding at Wood-Ridge Memorial Library

The Wood-Ridge Memorial Library is expanding its music collection. We have recently acquired new music CDs by popular artists such as Adam Lambert, Glee, Ke\$ha, Lady Gaga, Nickelback, OneRepublic, Rhianna, Taio Cruz, Usher, and many more. New music CDs continue to be added, so be sure to stop by often and see what’s new from your favorite artists or come discover some new music.

Seeking to Display Different Collections from its Patrons

The Wood-Ridge Library would like to display different collections from its patrons. Do you have a collection of something you of which you are particularly proud? We have a small display case and would love to showcase your collection! If you are interested, contact Christine Hartigan, Director, at (201) 438-2455 or email hartigan@bccls.org.

Now Accepting Registration For W-R Summer Recreation & Camps

Registration for the 2011 Summer Recreation Program including sponsored summer camps like U.S. Sports Multi Sport Camp, W-R Jr. Football Camp, Blue Devil Basketball Camp, and Score Soccer Camp are now being accepted. For additional information, registration and fees go to njwoodridge.org or stop by the Recreation Office anytime now through Friday, June 17th.

“Keep Wood-Ridge Beautiful” 12th Annual Downtown Clean-Up Day June 5, 2011 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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Webelos Cub Scouts, Pack 183 Experienced Great Times at Annual Weboree at Camp No-Be-Bo Sco

Article & Photos by John

Webelos Cub Scouts 750 people in attendance from Pack 183 enjoyed the Annual Weboree at Camp No-Be-Bo-Sco in Blairstown, N.J. on April 29, 30, & May 1, 2011. The Weboree is a weekend designed to give the Cub Scouts and their parents a taste of Boy Scouts and their summer programs. There were over



American Legion Post 97

By Mike Zabchin, Post Adjutant

D-Day, June 6th
Flag Day, June 14th
The 4th of July

All the above and more reasons to display the American flag, old glory, the stars and stripes, the red, white, and blue, symbol of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. But the main reason of remembering is in honor of our servicemen past, present, and in the future. What better way to say thank you for doing what you do and do so well. There are many ways to show our support and appreciation. School children write letters, different organizations send packages of food goodies, gift cards, etc. But if you are unable to do any of those things,

why not fly our flag? And the beautiful part of it is you don't need a flag pole either. You can hang a small one inside your window (just remember to keep the stars up and to the right), you can paste a flag decal type on your mailbox or you can use bumper stickers on your car. Do it as an outward sign of your patriotism and gratitude. After all, actions speak louder than words as the old saying goes. There is a war going on, but we hardly notice. It's not like WWII when everybody was involved. All eligible men were being drafted, and women worked in defense plants. There was Rosie the Riveter, and my wife, Wanda the Weld-

er (we haven't met yet). Right now Wood-Ridge looks some what flag-less. It would be great to see some American flags proudly displayed down on Hackensack Street, but sadly not even the Post Office is displaying our flag nor on Valley Boulevard too. If anyone is interested, I can provide you with a list of available flag sizes, prices, etc. and will even help anyone to hang it or paste it. You can call me at 201-804-9024 or ask any American Legion or V.F.W. member for help. Thank you.



Alabama Relief Drive in Wood-Ridge

The Borough of Wood-Ridge will be holding a relief drive for the tornado victims in Alabama on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Wood-Ridge Senior Center from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., located at Highland Avenue and Hackensack Street.

Residents are asked to donate any of the following that are needed by victims living in shelters.

- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Diapers
- Bottled Water

HH Swim Club Now Accepting W-R Families

The Hasbrouck Heights Swim Club is now accepting applications from families in Wood-Ridge on a first come first served basis. They offer family activities, a picnic area, swim lessons, lap lanes, a water slide, and most of all a safe, cool, and refreshing environment from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Act NOW!

For additional information and an application go to hhsimclub.com or e-mail jdcasella@optonline.net.

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