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Welcome Home!

"Home is where the heart is." – Pliny the Elder



That's such a familiar (and true!) quote attributed to someone who is very unfamiliar to me. Pliny the Elder was a first-century Roman author, naturalist, and philosopher, and since my knowledge of ancient history is a little lacking, I decided to find out more about this man who said something so profound.

His nephew, Pliny the Younger, described how devoted his uncle was to reading and studying which was like working for him. "The only time he took from his work was for his bath, and by bath I mean his actual immersion, for while he was being rubbed down and dried he had a book read to him or dictated notes."

Okay, that may have been too much information but it definitely highlights his love of thoughts and ideas. (And that whole bath and work thing may also explain why he never married ... just saying.)

Anyway, here I am in 2018 referencing his quote and finding a solid connection to this issue of *Nutley Neighbors*.

Within these pages, you will meet people whose hearts have chosen their homes. (And here's a hint... this may not only refer to a home in the traditional sense.)

Our cover story is about a delightful and interesting couple, Pam and Bill Lamoglia. These long-time Nutley residents bought a home here in town shortly after they were married 47 years ago. Bill is an excellent gardener and I was so impressed that the very foliage around their home is a testament to their love of each other and the neighborhood. Be sure to read about their Christmas trees!

Nutley High School was 'home' for the Class of '53 who recently celebrated their 65th reunion. Reading their recollections of their time in school and about how their friendships endured over the years shows how their hearts made a home in these hallways.

Nutley Family Service Bureau is also 'home' for many people. Read about how the food pantry returns home to their Chestnut Street location. This organization makes a positive impact in the lives of many people through the different services they offer. The hearts of those who enter their doors or who generously contribute consider this place a type of home where people are nourished both mentally and physically.

So, as we turn the pages and start reading these stories (and many others!) I say "Welcome home" to all of you.

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Joyce Corey Content Coordinator

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Pam and Bill Lamoglia's Treasurable Timeline

By Joyce Corey

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Sometimes a treasure is found and sometimes it's made. For Bill and Pam Lamoglia, it was a little of both. These longtime Nutley residents *found* a home here in town but they *made* an extraordinary life together.

It all started with a blind date. Pam remembers coming home that night and making a prediction. "I can't pronounce his last name but I am going to marry him." And that's exactly what she did a year later.

This newly-married couple went house shopping and found the ideal home. Pam said, "We bought our home on Bloomfield Avenue in one day. It had been built in the early 1820s and we instantly knew it was the place for us. Over the years we have made two major additions but we kept the original style."

Their home became not only a place to live, but it created a mutual interest. "Since our house has historical appeal, we decided to furnish it with antiques," Pam



explains. "Over the years, we have become very knowledgeable about antiques. When we first started looking for items for our home, we went to many fairs and events and we talked to a lot of people in this field. Now, we are pleased to see that we know a lot about the period pieces and I can truly say I appreciate the textures and patinas on many of these objects."

This interest, in turn, led the couple to open a store in Montclair: American Sampler.

Pam said, "We own two stores in Montclair, both of which are on Church Street. American Sampler has an assortment of antiques but we also sell household goods, both old and new. Dobbs Limited is our women's boutique which has many hard-to-find items as well as beautiful jewelry and scarves."

Both stores have been open for over 30 years and have kept a large number of customers happy

with their purchases.

Bill divides his time between the stores and his green thumb. "Bill worked at Hoffmann-La Roche for 31 years and took early retirement," Pam tells us. "He loves the property we have on our home and our gardens are beautiful. I take absolutely no credit for it."

Since the couple have been married for 47 years and spent most of their married life here in Nutley, their property features an interesting time-line.

"We have a lot of old growth trees," Pam said. "Bill planted some of the Christmas trees we had during the early part of our married lives. Now, those trees are taller than the house!"

The couple take great pride in their home and, besides the landscaping, the color of the house itself is important to them. "We had decided to have the house painted and we chose marine green, with red for the shutters and cream trim. Bill and I thought that would offset the structure of the house nicely. Apparently, the painter we hired didn't think so and almost refused the job. He said it was a bad choice of colors."

Pam laughs at this story now because since the house was painted "several people have actually knocked on our front door to tell us how nice it looked."

Bill and Pam are quite happy in their neighborhood. "There are a lot of older people here, many of whom we have known for years. We swapped phone numbers and we all watch out for each other. Many of our neighbors are good friends. There is a nice feeling of community here," Pam said.

When they are not in Nutley or in their Montclair stores, Bill and Pam take a mini-vacation to their house in Belmar. "We spend a few days there," Pam tells us. "It's a nice rest and a convenient getaway for us."

Bill and Pam have filled their home and their lives with a lot of treasures. "We are best friends," Pam said. Working together in the stores or spending time at home reading



or gardening make their time together special.

The Christmas trees from their past tower over the home that went from an *old* house to *their* house. This unique timeline highlights the years Pam and Bill spent as a married couple and as our *Nutley Neighbors*. But most importantly, it shows growth and life itself. And it's those elements that have made them a very interesting couple.

We are always looking for fascinating residents to feature in *Nutley Neighbors*. If you are interested in being included or would like to nominate one of your neighbors please email jcorey@bestversionmedia.com



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Emily DeAngelo: Keeping Soccer Goals

By Joyce Corey

Although Emily DeAngelo isn't a goalie in soccer, she has a list of goals that she wants to make. And after interviewing her, it's possible she will achieve all of them.

This high school senior is currently the captain of the Nutley Girls Varsity Team and she has some impressive statistics. Yet, she credits all of her success to hard work, focus, and an excellent support system. Starting early in athletics was also a major plus.

"I became interested in sports at a very young age and I can thank my parents for that because they introduced me to as many sports as possible, whether it was playing on a team, at a camp, or even just watching a game on television. I grew up playing soccer, softball, and basketball, while also being a strong Jets and Mets fan which I still am today because of my dad," said Emily.

She has been active and successful in two sports. While soccer is currently number one, softball comes in at a very close second place. "Throughout my career, I have been part of several teams. One of them was my first Nutley United Team where we would win our division almost



every year. Not only that, but when I was younger I was captain of my club soccer team. After this year, I will be a four-time letter winner for soccer and a two-time letter winner for softball. Last year, I was named to the SEC American Division Second Team."

Emily has a daily routine that combines her academics and athletics very well.

"I wake up around 7:15am to get ready for school, which starts at 8:05am. From 8:05am-2:53pm I attend all my classes, and once that last bell rings, I go straight to practice which usually ends around 5:00 in the evening. From there, my team and I go to a pasta party, which we have the night before every game. After that, I go home and start my homework. At this point, it is



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around 8:00pm. I try to be in bed by 10:30pm depending on how much homework I have."

This balance of school and sports has proven very effective. Emily tells us about her grades and the mindset she has for her education. "Growing up, I was always told you are a student-athlete and not an athlete-student. That being said, I never let my sports overpower my education. I currently have a 3.925 GPA and have finished on the honor or high honor roll every marking period. Not only that, but I am part of the National Honors Society and Italian National Honors Society with my Italian Seal of Bilitery."

Her goals for this sport are both short and long-range. She said, "Besides playing soccer in college, I aspire to win a high school championship. I would love for it to be a state title, but a county title, section title, or league title would be pretty nice as well. That being said, I believe that this year's team can do it. My goal every game is, of course, to win, but most importantly to enjoy myself and have fun, while still being serious and competitive."

Although Emily doesn't know where she is going to college, she said "I am currently in contact with many different coaches and I am excited to eventually make my decision and become part of a new soccer family. This is important to me because I know I will miss my NGVS family so much."

Her fans in Nutley will miss her presence on the field but will continue to watch her success on the college level.



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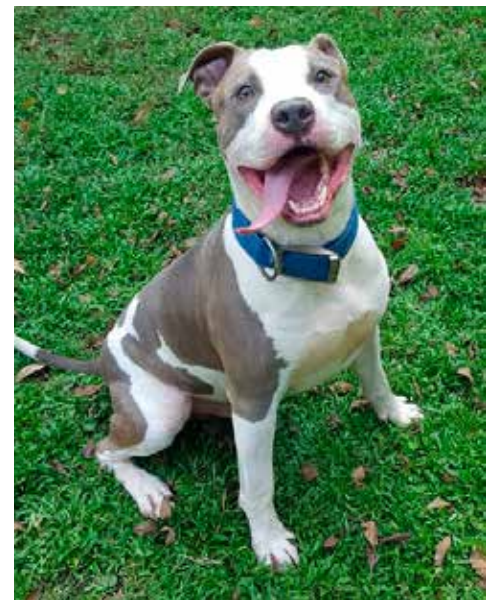
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Nutley Family Service Bureau: The Food Pantry Comes 'Home' for the Holidays

By Joyce Corey

While many of you may prepare for Thanksgiving the traditional way, like making sure you have enough cranberry sauce or defrosting the turkey in time, Nutley Family Service Bureau (NFSB) did something extra special this year. After eleven and a half months of concerted effort, the food pantry totally relocated from their temporary site and is fully functional back 'home.'

The food pantry had been housed at St. Paul's Congregational Church, but the renovations at their Chestnut Street location were finished and it was time to return. What exactly did that mean? Well, it meant moving the entire food pantry from one place to another; every single food item was transported down three flights of stairs and across town.

This was a monumental undertaking but the staff and volunteers of NFSB were up to it. The sheer organizational effort and physical manpower to accomplish this task was truly phenomenal. The food pantry could not have attained progress toward its relocation without the resources of community partners. A special round of applause goes to St. Paul's for their generosity in storing all the food contents on their third floor which allowed a non-interrupted schedule of food distribution. NFSB is also thankful for the 150 volunteers from Liquid Church who, along with a group of dedicated NFSB volunteers, provided the manpower to move the food pantry back home.

The newly redeveloped location for the food pantry



has a whole new look and some changes that maximizes and utilizes the space more effectively.

One of the major additions to this area is the elevator. It provides universal accessibility for program patrons, volunteers, staff, and community. It also increases efficiency, optimizes safety, and improves functional movement of supplies and stock.

The elevator was made possible through two foundational grants: Partners for Health Foundation and Investors Foundation (Investors Bank).

Last year, the food pantry distributed Thanksgiving baskets to 100 households, but NFSB projects that the number of families will double this holiday season. The food baskets are all made possible through the generosity of local individual donors and community partners. The improve-

ments at the redesigned facility are also contributing to the efficiency of this project and are expected to make a positive impact as well.

The push to get the food pantry home in time for Thanksgiving is truly a labor of love and commitment. Since food has always been an integral part of this holiday, the staff at NFSB feels that having this service back home is a strong statement of their dedication to the community.



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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

By Scarlett Morris

Just like the end of the Macy's Parade, once Thanksgiving comes to a close, everyone is ready for their favorite jolly fellow to appear. 'Tis the season for Nutley's one-of-a-kind Christmas kick-off ... when Santa Claus flies down from the North Pole via helicopter and lands in the Nutley Oval! That's right—Santa Claus is coming to town, literally! And he's been doing this every single year, for 57 years, on the day after Thanksgiving.

This unique Santa meet-and-greet has historically been sponsored by the Nutley Chamber of Commerce. Early records of the event show chamber member Lillian H. Shepard requesting use of the Oval at BOE meetings "for Santa's arrival by helicopter." It was very matter-of-fact. It's unclear how the idea of landing in a helicopter first came about, but, save for a few years of different modes of transportation, it has been Santa's arrival method since the start.

One of Santa's local helpers, Jack Barry, has been a supporter of the event for many, many years. He first got involved in the 1980s when he found out the Chamber was spending a pretty penny to rent a helicopter for Santa's ride. He knew his dentist, Paul DeMaio, was a helicopter hobbyist in his spare time. On his next visit, he broached the subject of using Paul's helicopter to help the Chamber save a little money. "Paul said he had no problem letting the town use his helicopter, on one condition: that I had to be Santa Claus," remembers Jack.

Jack first filled this role in 1989 and continued for a number of years until he passed the torch to a local policeman. He has fond memories of his years as the jet-set Santa. "In 1989, I took a picture of the Oval from above and we probably had about 100 people there," says Jack. Now this locally renowned event draws thousands.

As Jack discussed his memories, he recalled, "One of the best parts about my stint as Santa was the fact that my own children were the right age for the event, so I knew a lot of kids there by name. As I passed out candy canes, I called them by name and flabbergasted them! Now that they know it was me, they still tell me to this day how they were so shocked that Santa knew them."

Nutley chamber board member Andy Garruto grew up



Santa's arrival at the Oval in 1989. The crowd size has increased over the years with thousands expected to attend this holiday season.

loving Santa's arrival as a child and helped revamp this event in the past few years. "We have this entire stage of the Oval while this event is occurring. We felt we should utilize it more. Now we have musical and dance performances, plus lots of giveaways to add to this amazing event and get everyone in the holiday spirit," he says. People from all over the area look forward to this day and love sharing the tradition with their children.

Come give Santa Claus a warm welcome along with the Nutley Chamber of

Commerce at the Oval on Friday, November 23rd at 2pm. Line up early because the first 500 children to arrive will receive goodie bags stuffed with gifts from the Chamber's many generous member sponsors. Don't miss the free hot cocoa to keep warm while you wait for the big landing! Plus, be sure to bring your wish lists to send back to the North Pole via the mailbox courtesy of the Mayor's office. They didn't forget about the parents either; some will go home with door prizes donated by local businesses.

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NHS Class of 1953 Celebrates 65th Reunion

By Joyce Corey

Remembering...

Nutley High School's Class of 1953 celebrated its 65th reunion on September 12th at Mamma Vittoria. 48 people attended - from Florida, Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Virginia, and Connecticut.

Audrey Anderson Librizzi, lifelong resident of Nutley and long-time leader of the reunion committee shared some of the reminiscences of her former classmates as well as several photos of past reunions.

Dr. Barbara G. Messick

I think of the trajectory of my life and how much was formed by being a part of the Class of '53.

I was a kid from the boonies when I moved to Nutley at nine. Friendships formed in fifth grade (us against the really mean teacher), then junior high, broadening friendships, slumber parties, great drama. Then high school!

Learning to learn—so much out there in the world. Close girlfriends, laughing/tears, a few boyfriends, more tears. Trips to jazz clubs in NYC. Did my mother know?

Next—where do I want to go? Who am I? After Nutley High School Class of 1953 I am ready for the Big World! College at the University of Delaware, marriage, motherhood, back to school, Rutgers University, more motherhood, Doctorate in Psychology. A divorce, a new marriage, ten years as a widow where I traveled the world (missed a few places). Four fabulous grandchildren.

I continued my private practice as a psychologist until I retired at 74 after meeting (in Australia) and marrying a truly wonderful man who wanted to spend winters in Florida.

Life has been really good for me, some tough times but thanks to the resilience I learned at NHS Class of 1953, I am a happy survivor!



NHS graduation held in Boy's Park. *Pomp and Circumstance* played by Ernie Ersfeld's orchestra. Left: Bernell Irish delivering her valedictorian remarks



Bob Watts

Here are the thoughts that come to mind as to why our class has a 65-year record of coherence and spirit:

We have a core group of loyal and enthusiastic classmates, solid

leadership, and an enduring willingness to apply it to class activities, principally reunions. Many of our classmates remained in Nutley or in nearby towns.

Two class faculty advisors who continued their interest in and support of our class long after graduation.

Our relatively smaller size than later classes due to us being end-of-Depression babies. Our families tended to stay in Nutley for all or most of our school years; we could all walk to our assigned schools from kindergarten through high school (no school buses needed!). We matured quickly during the WW II years when we all learned to participate in war-supporting efforts: scrap drives, savings bonds, knitting squares for Red Cross blankets, listening to news of the war effort on the radio,



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with parents explaining their meaning, and a number of classmates had parents or relatives involved directly in the war effort. I'm sure there are other reasons, but this is what comes to my antique mind!

Cynthia Tripp Fischer

The high school was so wonderful with great teachers like Miss Walker, Mr. Harrell, Mr. Gutknecht, Mr. Huntoon

(the girls all were in love with him) and, of course, Mr. Brasca, Mr. Garnevicus, Mr. Lupien, and Mrs. Margetts. I continued my sewing classes (that I first had in junior high) and I am glad I did. I ended up with two daughters and made most of their clothes.

We had a wonderful chemistry class with Mr. Gutnecht, only one boy in the class, Kenny Mears, and he was so smart he never had to listen to the lesson. I got my driver's license in July 1952 but unfortunately had no car. In my third year of Spanish with Mr. Lupien all I could say was "en inglés por favor!" However, I did pass, barely. We often cut class to go to Montclair Swim Club; very bad girls, but never got caught!

Who could forget our wonderful senior play, One Foot in Heaven, with Bill Vautin, Pat Ott, Tom Collins, George Long, Dennis Schutte, Barb Kingston, Emeline Schick, and Barb Pfaehler. Graduation was in Boy's Park with great speeches and lots of parties after. The prom was held at NHS gym and then to NYC and the shore for the last fling.

Lastly, I met the love of my life in the fall of my senior year, Bob Fischer, NHS Class of 1949! We had an



exceptional class and I'm so glad I was a part of it! NHS Class of 1953 did live in the best of times!

Reenie Sime LePree

Nutley High School was very imposing and a new world: lockers, laboratories, so many courses to choose from.

Cardigan sweaters, buttoned down the back with Peter Pan

collars, saddle shoes, penny loafers, ballet slippers, slumber parties, and bull sessions. I made many new friends. I was a Twirler and when there

was Dawn Patrol I could ride "The Little Brown Bus" to school. Football games, pomegranates, and lemons to keep our voices from getting hoarse. Basketball and baseball games to

attend and cheer. Then the prom and graduation and a new world was waiting.

I married Michael Le Pree soon after graduation. His family were long-time residents. His grandfather had

the shoe store on Franklin Avenue. An aunt and uncle had the paint store and another aunt and uncle had a plastics business; his father was in the awning and window business. Mike was in the Air Force. We were gone until 1959 and then moved back to Nutley. Our house was one of the "Seven Sisters." Originally they were all on Franklin Avenue. Around 1935, our house was turned around and faced Dodd Street. Later, two more of the "Seven Sisters" were moved to Dodd Street. Here we raised our children with our large extended family, familiar faces, and dear friends. We enjoyed the town's Easter Egg hunts, Memorial Day parades and the Halloween parades in the Oval.

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Left: The social hour that preceded the excellent luncheon at Mamma Vittoria on Franklin Avenue. 65th reunion cake courtesy of Shop-Rite

Class Reunion CONTINUED

Fun Facts

Audrey Anderson Librizzi

Love must have been in the air for the class of 1953! There were 10 class couples who married. That is quite a statistic.

Bob Watts

When we went out for the freshman football team, at the outset we were issued leather helmets. Within a few weeks they were replaced by the new plastic helmets that the entire varsity team had received earlier. While I am sure there was a lot of experience living in those old leather helmets, we were convinced there were other things living in them as well! So the Class of '53 was the last class in NHS history to ever see leather helmets, which had been the sole head protective wear in football for decades earlier.

Louie B.

On Thanksgiving Day, all of the girls would wear the yellow pom poms to the game and you had to get there early if you wanted a seat. No matter how good or bad our team was doing, come Thanksgiving, the Oval was packed. Win, lose, or draw, it was then away to the dinner table for a large Thanksgiving meal.



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Audrey Anderson Librizzi

There were 11 of us at the reunion that started kindergarten together at Spring Garden School in 1940.

Reconnecting...

The 65th reunion celebration for the Class of '53 began with a champagne toast, donated by Dick Stephans, and concluded with everyone standing and singing the Nutley High School alma mater. In between was time spent remembering and reconnecting.

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The Nutley High School 1953 8-oared crew with coxswain was well-represented by these six members of the nine-man crew (8 oarsmen and 1 coxswain). These crew members are shown in the order of the seats they occupied from bow to stern in their shell from right to left: Bob Watts, George Long, Bob Dawson, Bill Walker, Joe King and Stroke Charlie Cullari.

Accolades and sincere appreciation from the classmates go to the reunion co-chairs, Audrey Anderson Librizzi and Mary Cofone Pandolfi. They not only organized this reunion, but have devoted similar energy to all of the past reunions. The NHS Class of '53 is eternally grateful to them both, and to the many other classmates who have served on past reunion committees, for their loyalty, hard work, and imagination. It is through them that we have all enjoyed 65 years of coherence, camaraderie, and conviviality.

Collectively, the Class of '53 wants to honor their faculty advisor, John Garnevicus. The following tribute was written by Bob Watts and heartily approved by his fellow classmates.

"One of the most unique aspects of so many of our reunions was the attendance of our remarkable, personable, and much respected and admired class faculty adviser, John Garnevicus. "Mr. Garn" as he was affectionately known by our class, was a mathematics teacher and a coach of NHS freshman football and varsity basketball teams, and had served in the U.S. Navy during the latter years of WW II. Those of us who were lucky enough also had him as our homeroom teacher (those of us at the tail end of the class alphabet list!). We recall how he often spent spare minutes, while we studied or were taking exams, on U.S. Navy correspondence courses at his desk, to continue his advancement as an active officer in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

What makes Mr. Garn's advisor-ship so unique is that he left Nutley High School at the same time our class graduated, to take a teaching position in Massapequa Park, NY, on Long Island. For many years after we graduated,



For the first time at any of the many reunions all four class officers were in attendance at the same time. They are, from left to right: President Bob Watts, Secretary Jane Mowen Mann, Vice President Tom Artz, and Treasurer Art Horn.



The classmate who travelled the longest distance to attend is Dr. Kenneth Mears DMD, who traveled from his home in Alaska with his wife Choy. Here with Ken in the middle, in the baseball hat. He is pictured with his twin brothers, left to right, Ray on the left and Russ on the right - members of the NHS Class of 1956 - and classmate Joe King on the right.



In the class there were a number of classmates who married a fellow classmate, but only one of those was able to attend the reunion, Joe King and Pat Kiernan King, who are shown here enjoying this momentous reunion.

and he left Nutley, Mr. Garn attended our class reunions, up to and including our 40th reunion in 1993! Obviously the affection we held for him mirrored the affection he had for our marvelous Class of 1953! Clearly Mr. Garn contributed to the remarkable loyalty and cohesion for which our class has been known for many years!"

The Class of '53 continues to share their love of Nutley. They donated \$100 to the Nutley Museum and may be planting a tree in town to commemorate their 65th reunion.

They left a legacy of hope and happiness and sharing these memories and photos is a testament to their exceptional high school experience. When the Class of '53 graduated 65 years ago, they may have left the classroom, but they took their friendships and a wonderful sense of loyalty to the school and to each other.

Denise Costantino Paints a Small Pumpkin Patch for a Cause

Submitted by Joyce Corey

At the annual Nutley Fall Festival in Memorial Park, a little over a dozen brightly painted pumpkins and a one-of-a-kind "Hope" hand-painted small clutch bag were displayed on a table. The artist, Denise Costantino, donated her creative talent and time to support a worthwhile cause in a beautiful way.

Denise said, "Every one of us knows someone who has been affected by cancer. It could be a family member, a neighbor, a shop owner, a friend, a bus driver, a teacher, a priest, a delivery person, or a doctor. We are all connected in the fight against this disease."



Denise Costantino (left) and Heather Soto

"After talking with Heather, who had recently lost her dad to cancer, I shared having lost a family member and am dealing with my mom as a survivor."

This conversation also led to the idea of painting



pumpkins at the fall festival. Heather said, "We love our survivors and we want to celebrate them as they are a symbol of 'HOPE.' This year we decided to have a table at the festival in the park with all those proceeds benefitting our survivor events directly. I purchased the pumpkins from Center Ridge Garden Center and Denise hand-painted them beautifully. The table also had a custom hand-painted textile bag signed by the artist. All of this done in the hope of raising money to add to the survivor's experience and fun in the upcoming year."

Denise's love for art opens many gateways through her artworks, whether it's a mural in town, fine art on canvas, custom hand-painted textiles, or an illustrated children's book. She is ready and dedicated for the next chapter to make a difference in people's lives with art.

For more about the artist, be sure to visit: ddarchitecturaldesign.com and follow her on Instagram @ddarchdesignartist.

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The Nutley Museum Adds a Masterpiece by Arthur Hoeber to its Permanent Collection

By Barry Lenson

The Nutley Museum has just added a magnificent landscape by Nutley painter Arthur Hoeber (1854-1915) to its permanent collection. You are invited to see it the next time you visit the Nutley Museum!

As Art Historian of the Nutley Museum, I have spent years looking for a major painting by Arthur Hoeber to add to our permanent collection. I have gotten to know Arthur Hoeber's granddaughter, who lives in England. I have visited galleries to look at paintings by Hoeber that were for sale, but none of them seemed just right. But when John Simko, the Director of the Nutley Museum, told me last summer that an impressive Hoeber was for sale at a gallery on Long Island, it seemed to be just the ticket. So John and I, along with Dom Tibaldo (President of the Nutley Historical Society) drove to Long Island to see the painting. We were so thrilled with it, we made an offer and the painting is now part of the Museum's permanent collection. Which is another way of saying, it now belongs to the people of Nutley.

It is a large and beautiful landscape that measures 30" x 41", painted in the colorful tonalist style of which Hoeber is a recognized master. Incidentally, you probably already know what Hoeber's paintings look like, because two of them are on permanent display at the Nutley Public Library. Now, the Nutley Museum has one too.

About Arthur Hoeber

Arthur Hoeber, a painter best known for his landscapes, was born on July 23, 1854 in New York. As a young man, he studied painting in England and France, where his teachers included the famous Jean Léon Gérôme. After Hoeber returned to America, he moved to Nutley in 1892,



where he built a studio at 55 Enclosure. The house is still there today. The Enclosure, an artists' colony at the time, was already home to Frank Fowler and Albert Sterner, both important American artists. Hoeber must have wanted to join that talented Nutley group. He continued to live and paint on The Enclosure until his death in 1915.

In addition to being an important painter, Hoeber was an art critic who wrote for *The New York Times* and other publications. *The Treasures of the Metropolitan Museum of New York*, a book that he wrote in 1892, is still regarded as an important reference by students of art history.

Get to Know Your Art Collection at the Nutley Museum

The Hoeber is magnificent, and so are other artworks in the Nutley Museum's collection - works by Nutley painters Frank Fowler, Reginald Marsh, Albert Sterner, Michael Lenson (my dad), James Carlin, Gary T. Erbe, and others.

Please remember, this art collection is *your* art collection! Hope to see you there!

Schedule a Tour or Event at the Nutley Museum: For school groups and private museum tours, please call Kerry Flynn, caretaker, at 973-667-1528, or Suzanne Hagert at 973-667-4270. The Nutley Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to serve the educational, cultural, and historical needs of our community.



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The American Hero on Pork Chop Hill

PART 1 OF A 3-PART SERIES

By Frankie Turano

I shall paint a grim picture with broad brushstrokes about a piece of defaced soil on the Korean peninsula in April of 1953. It was a section of land that had no strategic or tactical value, located in what was called the Iron Triangle along the 38th parallel. Because of its definitive shape, this area which would become infamous in later years through books and movies, was known as Pork Chop Hill. It was a place where two armies would collide and turn the green landscape into nothing short of a blank canvas. The constant bombardment of shells pockmarked the soil, leaving scars for decades upon the earth. Soldiers would crawl out from the darkness, engulfed in their own eerie loneliness, as they inched up the hill towards certain death. Clouds of war and clouds of confusion hung heavy in the air. The night sky held grey clouds that cried at the scene below, and with every step the American soldier took, he was writing his own obituary.

Pork Chop Hill could be described as the incomprehension of the madness and insensitivity of humanity. Enemy machine gun fire never ceased, as men died as they carried out orders. The sound was deafening as mortar shells exploded casually in all directions. Small arms fire was scattered about and the detonation of grenades was commonplace, as shrapnel found its way into the skin of men who had lost their innocence and shuttered with darkened hearts. The American soldier was courting death instead of embracing life, and with each passing moment, his own story unfolded. The stubborn Chinese resistance had horrific consequences as men died all around the battlefield. Terror and intimidation were prevalent as the unrelenting cycle of violence continued day after day after day.

When the smell of death lingers, and sights reveal themselves before you; horrors that you were never

meant to see or comprehend, one needs to divorce oneself from this twisted reality. This sick reality is war. War is the injustice of mankind. War has the ability to take a decent human being and turn them into a hollow shell of a man. Surviving the initial crisis is one thing. Surviving the aftermath is another.

The worst part of fighting on Pork Chop Hill was not just the fact that Americans were fighting an uphill battle against a ferocious enemy. Defending the high ground is always the best defense, and in this case, the enemy had the advantage. The disadvantage came from the many attacks and counterattacks nearby, and because of this, Pork Chop Hill was exposed on three sides, leaving our troops more vulnerable to being overrun.

The fighting continued as heavy artillery destroyed every living thing that existed on that hill. The trenches were filled with men fighting hand-to-hand combat as flame throwers were used to infiltrate the enemy bunkers. If you were not slightly wounded, heavily wounded, or mentally injured, then you were already dead.

In every war, the simple objective is to kill the enemy. It is also a widely known fact, that there is a great importance on killing two highly significant individuals on the battlefield; an officer and a medic.

Each one holds a tremendous value on what they bring to the situation. A medic is also known as an "Angel of Mercy." There is poetry in the way they sprint onto the battlefield while others seek shelter from the onslaught. There are profound implications exposing oneself to enemy fire, risking literally life and limb to save others. People talk about what they would do or how they would perform beneath the shadow of fear. But doing and talking are two very different things. Medics leave an indelible mark on those they have treated. They have the highest respect, even from the enemy. Medics are heroes. It is that simple. I will say it again. Medics are heroes.

Corporal Gaetano "Tom" Nicastro, medic, Angel of Mercy, U.S. Army, 17th Infantry, 7th Division, was a medic on Pork Chop Hill.

You will read about this genuine hero next month.

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Nicastro's Gourmet Sauces

By David Wilson

The big debate: is it sauce or is it gravy? The "King of Sauces" has been answering that question since the mid-1920's at Nicastro's Restaurant located at Seventh Street and Berkeley Avenue in Newark. This famous Italian eatery was well known for their authentic sauces and family style dinners until the mid-1980's. Many weddings, showers, and other celebrations were well attended, often by Newark dignitaries including Anthony Imperiale and the North Ward First Aid Squad.

Joe Nicastro started the restaurant and with sons Joe, Michael, and Tommy, grew the business from a small family operation into a destination for drinks, romantic dinners, and large family gatherings. The menu was simple and based on family recipes and tastes that



Jim Nicastro "The Sauce Boss" supports many local charities (top left). Nicastro's Restaurant 1940's (above)

satisfied everyone looking for good Italian meals.

Jim Nicastro has been keeping the memories alive since 2008 with their line of gourmet sauces. Prepared using natural ingredients and no preservatives, the sauces are professionally bottled and can be found at thirty Shop-Rites, Foodtowns, Corrado's, Pete's Deli on Prospect Street in Nutley, and Frade's Deli in Belleville. The sauces are gluten and garlic free to address food allergies and allow for personal seasoning preferences that enhance the home-made flavor. Jim's daughter, Andrea, two granddaughters Gabriella and Marissa, along with up-and-coming generation's Joelle, Lia, and Michael help with operations, keeping the family connected, and ensuring consistent quality.

The marinara sauce is a smooth base sauce that can be used on pasta, vegetables, pizza and just about anywhere you need it on a busy day when there is no time to prepare your own sauce. With quality preparation and packaging, along with three-year shelf life, this could be part of your short-term emergency pantry provisions.

The vodka sauce is creamy and adds great flavors to your pasta, rice, or anywhere you need an impressive meal in a hurry. This can be a fantastic, affordable upgrade from boxed or frozen mac and cheese that the kids will love. Eight months of taste trials ensure your satisfaction.

Fra Diavolo is for the adventurous diner looking for a medium spicy sauce to put over shrimp, clams, or mussels. All the varieties can be easily spotted by looking for the hand-tied paper toppers among the competitors.

Nutley magistrates Joanne Cocchiola and the late Michael Viola judged Nicastro's "King of Sauces" as their all-time favorite. Many charity events have been supported by the family with samplings and contributions at the Montclair Museum, Unico, ARC, and local fundraisers.

You may get lucky and find Jim having a tasting at the store where you shop. Jim, as an outside vendor, personally ensures that inventory is available at all locations.

Thanks to Joey Bee, my sauce consultant and long-time Nicastro family friend, for his expertise and taste buds. Supporting our local merchants and business ventures is essential to keeping Nutley a thriving community that looks to the future while maintaining connections to our historical ethnic diversity.

More information and upcoming events can be found on Facebook: Nicastro's Sauce or nicastrosauce@aol.com.

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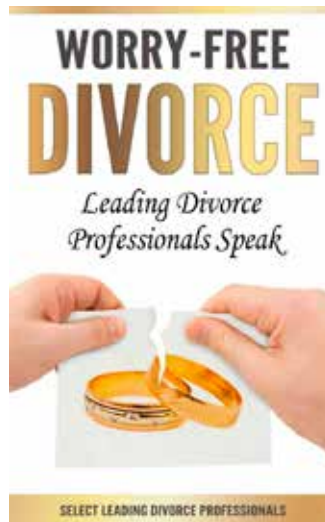
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About My Co-Authors


The book is a collaborative initiative of family law attorneys who share their opinions and tips in this interview-style compilation of handwritten conversations. I personally share my deepest insights into the divorce process, including knowledge that has come from my 20+ years of experience.

Below you can learn more about my co-authors who came together to make the book happen.



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For ages 10 and up. Rosemary thyme butter cookies? Lavender lemon cake? Join Master Gardener Fran Kroeckel for a culinary adventure from herb garden to table. This hands-on demonstration will send you home with a tasty treat. Advance registration and minimum number of participants are required.
Time: 10:30am-12:30pm
Cost: \$10 per child. \$12 per adult.
For more information call 973-228-8776

Nov. 3, Sat.

Wine Tasting at Kingsland Manor

@Kingsland Manor, 3 Kingsland St.
At this year's wine tasting fundraiser, sample a wide variety of wines in a complimentary commemorative wine glass and enjoy a variety of appetizers, desserts, and coffee. This is a great opportunity to choose your holiday wines while helping the Manor. Only 100 tickets will be sold. For ages 21 and up.
Time: 7-10pm
Cost: \$35 per ticket
For more information visit

www.kingslandmanor.org

Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26, Mon.

Senior Art Program

@Parks and Recreation Bldg.,
44 Park Ave.
Time: 1:00-2:30pm
For more information contact the Recreation office at 973-284-4966

Nov. 6, 13, Tue.

Relax, Baby! Infant Massage Class

@Clara Maass Medical Center,
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville
Parents and caregivers will learn the benefits of massage as a way to improve bonding and communication, aid sleep and digestion, and reduce stress and depression in both parents and babies. Parents-to-be and those with children from 2 weeks to age 1 may participate. For expecting parents, a doll will be provided for in-class practice.
Time: 6-8pm
To register call 1-888-724-7123

Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28, Wed.

Essex County Aerobic Exercise Program

@Parks and Recreation Building,
44 Park Ave.
Time: 9:30am
For more information and to register call 973-735-6228

Nov. 7, Wed.

Essex County Clerk Program

@Parks and Recreation Building,
44 Park Ave.
On the first Wednesday of each month the Essex County Clerk's office is available at the Recreation Department for residents to obtain passports and Notary Public services.
Time: 2-8pm

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Nov. 8, Thurs.

Nutley Trolley History

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
A history of the Nutley Trolley will be presented by local author David Wilson and Town Historian John Demmer. This narrated tour by pictures will take you on a ride from 1896 through the final days of streetcars in 1937. A discussion on the trolley founders, its construction, the varied routes, the types of street cars, township development, and politics of the day will be included. Come learn about the original light rail and mass transit in Nutley.
Time: 7pm
For more information visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Nov. 8, Thurs.

Princess Ball

@Parks and Recreation Dept.
Gymnasium, 44 Park Ave.
Fairy tales will come to life as children encounter characters from their favorite stories. What

better way to kick off fall than with a Cinderella Horse and Carriage Ride. Feel like a real-life prince/princess as you take a magical ride with a special unicorn horse. Be sure to come dressed as your favorite prince or princess!
Time: 6-8:30pm
For more information call
973-284-4966

Nov. 15, Thurs.

Page to Screen Club

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Celebrate the 25th anniversary of the of *The Shawshank Redemption* a few months early. The film is based on *Rita Hayworth and the Shawshank Redemption* featured in *Different Seasons* by Stephen King. Copies of both the book and movie will be available to borrow at the front desk.
Time: 7pm
For more information visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/pagetoscreen/

Nov. 17, Sat.

Saturday Afternoon Book Club

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.

Presenting Before the Book: Workshops for Aspiring Writers, a series of four workshops led by author Hillary DePiano. Part 3 is Pushing Through to the End: Seeing It Through to the End of Your Writing Project Even When You Want to Quit.
Time: 2pm
For more information call 973-667-0405 or visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org

Nov. 20, Tue.

Graphic Novel Club for Adults

@Nutley Public Library,
93 Booth Dr.
Discuss graphic novels and sample pastries from local bakeries. Copies of each book are available at the library one month prior to each meeting. This month, the group will be discussing *Anya's Ghost* by Vera Brosgol.
Time: 7pm
For more information visit
www.nutleypubliclibrary.org/graphicnovelclub

Nov. 22, Thurs.

Parent University

@Clara Maass Medical Center,
1 Clara Maass Dr., Belleville

In two hours, learn everything you need to know about parenting in an interactive 'university' for parents-to-be. Learn the basics on how to navigate parenthood including topics such as newborn and infant care, the labor and delivery experience, and post-delivery care. Parents are welcome to attend at any time.
Time: 7-9pm
To register call 1-888-724-7123

Nov. 23-24, Sat.-Sun.

RAKES Program

The RAKES program provides an alternative to seniors and those who are disabled and unable to rake their leaves. Residents seeking help must be over 60 and/or be disabled, own and live in the home requiring raking assistance, and be unable to afford help. Community volunteer teams will rake homes during this time period.
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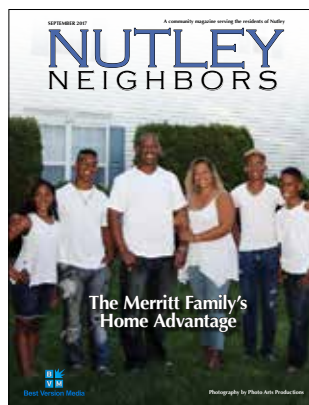


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