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BOROUGH COUNCIL NEWS

By Michael Ticktin

Council Reorganizes; Battel, Ellentuck and Hamilton Sworn In

The annual reorganization meeting of the Borough Council was held on January 3. Mayor Beth Battel and Councilman Jeff Ellentuck were sworn in for new terms of four years and three years, respectively, and Michael Hamilton, who formerly served both as mayor and as a member of the Council, was sworn in for a three-year term. Councilman Ralph Warnick was elected president of the Council, in which capacity he will preside at Council meetings, and otherwise exercise the functions of the mayor, possibly including performing marriages, in Mayor Battel’s absence.

All incumbent and returning Council members retained the committee chairmanships that they held in 2011. Thus, Councilwoman Arlene Stinson will head the Administration committee; Councilman Ellentuck, the Utilities committee; Councilwoman Peggy Malkin, the Finance committee; Councilman Tom Curry, the Public Works committee; and Councilman Warnick, the Community Development committee. Councilman Hamilton will take over the chairmanship of the Environment, Health and Safety committee, which was chaired in 2011 by Councilman Dan Hoffman.

Councilman Hamilton was elected as the Council’s representative on the Planning Board.

Mayor Battel made the following appointments to the Planning Board: class II (public official)- Michael Ticktin (in his capacity as local historian); class IV (persons holding

no other public office)- Jane Rothfuss, Tim Hartley and Jim Alt; alternates- Ken LeCompte, Nancy Warnick and Michelle Hermelee. She also appointed Stu Kaufman as a member, and Lou Esakoff and Diane Lowerie as alternate members, of the Environmental Commission.

Following the reorganization meeting, the Council conducted its first regular meeting of the month. Councilman Warnick reported that there had been a further delay in obtaining Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) clearance for water quality at the former gas station site, now owned by the Borough, because the project consultant had not yet provided necessary paperwork concerning the disposition of some of the soil from the site. He also asked that necessary measures be taken to clean up the area in front of the gas station building and reported that discussions were proceeding with Millstone Township regarding an interlocal agreement for the maintenance of Nurko Road for an amount equal to cost of work plus 10%. Proper maintenance of Nurko Road is of particular interest to Millstone because the road is mainly used by their residents.

Also at the regular meeting, the Council passed a resolution accepting the donation of a 2000 Ford Expedition by the Cheesequake Fire Company of Old Bridge. This car will replace the smaller vehicle now used by the Roosevelt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 35th edition of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*.

As usual, there were nine issues starting with October 2011 through July, 2012, leaving out January 2012.

We will do our best to make the *Bulletin* both informative and interesting with the help of our devoted writers and production people.

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If you wish to go, you must call the SCAT bus Tuesday no later than 3:00 p.m. at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and your interest in going on Wednesday, the next day.

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From the Mayor

By Elsbeth Battel

Dear Neighbors,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a pleasant holiday season. This year will be the 75th Anniversary of Roosevelt (originally Jersey Homesteads). We are planning borough wide celebrations and tours to mark the event. Please help us by doing your part to present the town in it's best light by sprucing up your homes' exteriors and yards. We have a special history and lovely neighborhoods- let's show them off!

The Council had our re-organization meeting on January 3rd this year, to establish the committees and committee chairs for 2012. They are as follows: Councilperson Malkin is the chair of Finance and representative to the Seniors, Councilperson Stinson the chair of Administration, Councilperson Ellentuck chair of Utilities and representative to the Recreation committee, Councilperson Curry the chair of Public Works, Councilperson Warnick the

chair of Community Development and representative to the School Board and to the Environmental, and Councilperson Hamilton the chair of Environmental, Health and Safety and representative to the Planning Board. The Council elected Councilperson Warnick as the Council president.

The Council and the School Board are elected positions. The Planning Board and the Environmental Committee memberships are by appointment. Anyone interested in serving on either the Planning Board or the Environmental Committee can make their interest known to either Jane Rothfuss, Chairperson of the Planning Board; Britta Zygler, Chairperson of the Environmental Committee, or myself. There are currently alternate positions open on both bodies.

Thank you to all members who serve the town so well.

Beth ■

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Fire Department for emergencies not requiring use of the fire truck.

Councilman Hamilton, in reviewing the agenda for the meeting, noted the absence of any reference to correspondence, even though correspondence is required, by the Administrative Code ordinance, to be included in the agenda. After discussion, it was agreed that either the ordinance or the agenda format would be revised to be consistent.

In December, while addressing the Council as a private citizen, Mr. Hamilton had protested a proposed amendment to the Administrative Code ordinance to allow Council committees to meet at any time or place without public notice. Councilman Ellentuck explained that the

“meetings” of committees, when they occurred, might typically involve getting together with the appropriate municipal employees, such as utilities or public works employees, to discuss how to handle specific problems. The Council passed the proposed amendments, which were intended to bring the ordinance into conformity with actual practice, but agreed that there would be further discussion of how to assure appropriate public participation in any meetings of committees to discuss proposed local legislation. Borough attorney Richard Shaklee noted that the current ordinance does not require that committee meetings be open to the public or that prior notice of them be given. ■

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From the Office of CSA/Principal



I sincerely hope that everyone had enjoyable and happy holidays as well as prosperous start to the New Year. The holidays truly brought out the best reasons for being part of the Roosevelt Family. Our PTA did an amazing job setting up and running the Holiday Shop. Our Student Council also showed their dedication to community service by donating their time, under the guidance of Ms. Bondy, to wrap gifts one day after school. And the entire student population was given a chance to tape me (off the ground) to the wall on our first annual "Suspend the Principal" event. They earned this event and it was truly wonderful to see the smiles on their faces and hear the laughter as we departed for the Winter Break.

We have been working very diligently on several fronts here at the Roosevelt Public School. We have had an expert consultant, Mrs. Alice Sasso, from the esteemed Heinemann Educational Company come to our school and work closely with our faculty to enhance the Guided Reading and Writer's Workshop components of our Language Arts Literacy Curriculum. This professional development was tai-

lored especially for our school by using small group sessions and models lessons throughout the grade levels. We were able to fund these 8 sites visits by Mrs. Sasso through the Rural Education Achievement Program grant. This is a federal grant that we are entitled to because we are a rural school.

With further use of federal funds that were allocated to us by the U.S. Department of Education, we were also able to hire a part-time Response to Intervention (RTI) teacher. This teacher, Ms. Robyn Altman, has a certification in elementary education, special education, and is also highly-qualified in History. Ms. Altman has already been a positive impact on our very dedicated and hard-working faculty. On that note, I'd like to take a moment to thank the faculty and staff that work so very hard each day to educate the students of the Roosevelt Public School.

RPS also celebrated the 100th day of school. This is truly an exciting event that the students, especially the Kindergarten and First grade look forward to. Ms. Bondy has also worked with the Student Council to develop ideas for Spirit Week that took

place during the last week in January. This week included daily theme days such as: Pajama Day, Crazy Hair Day, No Homework Day, Matching Day, Game Day, Stuffed Animal Day, and Slipper Day.

The PTA held the annual Winter Carnival on January 28th and I would also like to take this time to truly thank this association for all of the hard work they do to fundraise for the school through the fantastic events like the Winter Carnival, Movie Nights and the many other great events.

We will also look forward to reading about and studying some important African-American icons in honor of Black History Month, which is the month of February.

I hope that everyone's year continues to be successful and know that my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joseph S. Campisi
CSA, Roosevelt Public School ■





MISSION

To educate and inspire all students to excel academically, to become independent and creative thinkers, skillful communicators and lifelong learners. Roosevelt Public School nurtures and challenges the unique potential of each student so that our children will develop individual, social and civic responsibility as well as respect for themselves, each other, and the environment.*

**to achieve or exceed N.J. CCCS at all grade levels*

“The quality of our relationship is directly related to the quality of our communication.”

2012 Board of Education Candidacy Information

The RPS Board of Education will have 3 Board member positions up for election/re-election in the April 17, 2012 Annual School Election. A full term on the school board runs for three years. Candidates must file a nominating petition with the local school board in order to get their names on the ballot for the Annual School Election. The current deadline to submit the nominating petition is 4 p.m. Monday, February 27, 2012. **The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, 2012.**

Prospective school board candidates can obtain a “School Board Candidate Kit” online at www.njsba.org. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, the School Board Candidate Kit includes a nominating petition,

Board of Ed. Calendar		
BOE contact, Natalie Warner 609-448-2913 RPSBOE@gmail.com		
FEBRUARY		
Mon 2/6	6:30 p.m.	BOE adhoc committee meeting
Mon 2/13	7:00 p.m.	BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting
Mon 2/20		No School
Thur 2/23	7:00 p.m.	BOE Finance Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	BOE Meeting
Mon 2/27	6:30 p.m.	BOE adhoc committee meeting.
MARCH		
Mon 3/12	7:00 p.m.	BOE Curriculum Committee Meeting
	8:00 p.m.	Policy Committee Meeting
Thur 3/22	7:00 p.m.	BOE Finance Committee Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	BOE Meeting

information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member. Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act and important dates in the school election process are also included in the kit.

“One of the most meaningful contributions that a citizen can make to their community is serving on their local board of education,” said Raymond R. Wiss, NJSBA president. “I encourage all interested citizens to consider school board membership. It doesn’t require a degree in education, or a background in politics. However, it does require a sincere interest in the community, its children, and their education.”

OTHER BOARD OF ED NEWS:

Leo Gordon was sworn into office as a Roosevelt board member on December 15, 2011. He will complete the final 4 months of Eric Vuolle’s term, which ends in April 2012.

If you have questions or comments concerning the Board please contact Natalie Warner, Board President, at RPSBOE@gmail.com.

Each month the Roosevelt Board of Education is going to submit an article to keep the public apprised of Board goals, decisions, and activities

In Memorium

By Larisa Bondy

Virginia Vuolle, “The Sparkling-Eyed Cookie Maker”

Virginia Vuolle made the best chocolate chip cookies ever, in the US, on the planet. At least that is what her grandchildren and children thought, for sure. I think it was her secret ingredients: love, patience, kindness, and a pinch of childlike enthusiasm. Those are the qualities of Virginia I will always remember.

Virginia was born in Wisconsin, but spent most of her childhood in Seattle. She went to college there and later met her husband Carl in Florida while on a cross country trip after graduation. Carl was stationed there while in the Naval Air Corp.

Virginia and Carl lived in Upper Michigan (where Carl was born and raised) after they married and when they had their first child, a girl named Cleo. Virginia was an only child, so she reveled in the relationships she developed with Carl's 9 sisters! They later moved around, Ohio, North Carolina, Illinois, and finally New Jersey, and in the mean time had two more children, 2 boys 13 months apart, John, and the youngest of which is my husband Eric.

Virginia was the best mother-in-law anyone could ever have had...and I said that when she was alive too! While other friends would discuss meddling mother-in-laws, mother-in-laws who were mean, mother-in-laws who ignored their grandchildren, I would sit embarrassedly and say, “My mother-in-law is great.”

Virginia worked as a librarian, first in schools and later in the Hunterdon County Library near the last home she shared with her husband. When Eric and I first moved to Roosevelt, far away from everything, Virginia and Carl would get up at 5 a.m., drive to our house, and baby-sit our oldest and only son at that time while we went to work. They did this many times. Sometimes we would bring our son to their house,

and then we would all sleep there. I always said, coming home from work and staying there was always completely relaxing. Virginia had a calming effect on me. She took things in stride and nothing seemed like a big deal.

Virginia was a woman of phrases. When our children would nap longer than she liked she would say, “I didn't know he was going to make a career of it.” When the boys needed to put shoes on she would always say, “Put your shoes on Lucy” and I recently heard one of my sons saying that, too. Every time we pulled into the driveway she would say, “Home again, home again, jiggetty jog!”

When Virginia's husband died in 2003 Virginia moved to Roosevelt. These last few years, although progressively more difficult, were very happy for Virginia, thanks in large part to the kindness the people of Roosevelt showed her. The seniors immediately opened up their arms for her. They drove her to functions, to exercise classes, to lunches out and I'm sure everyone saw her with Allen Newrath on a daily basis at The Deli. Everyday Allen picked Virginia up for coffee, a donut, and mail. When the Deli closed, Virginia was as devastated as long-time residents. Helen Barth religiously took Virginia to exercise class, and we are grateful to all the seniors for their kindness. My mother and Virginia were always friendly, but her move to Roosevelt made it easier, and they had many visits while Virginia lived here.

But mostly, before the nasty disease of dementia took the real Virginia from us, I remember snippets of her wonder. I remember food shopping with her and how she would stop in the aisles to tap her feet to the “musik” playing overhead. I remember how she would sit on the floor and play with our boys when they were young. I remember how she

would walk to our house 6 times in a day to ask us what time to come for pizza. I remember Christmas mornings how she would be sitting on our couch, in her plaid red robe, with a cup of coffee, enjoying the festivities. I remember how when Virginia hosted the holidays in her house, the portions were so small (as her appetite always was) that my brother-in-law had to put some carrots back in the bowl, because he didn't realize that was supposed to be for everyone. I remember how Virginia loved walks, even when she could barely see anymore. I remember how she came down to sit in my kitchen with my dying 18 year old cat to say good by to her before I had to put her to sleep. I remember her reading “Harry the Dirty Dog” to all her 6 grandchildren for many years. I remember how she knew all the answers to Jeopardy, and none of the rest of us knew any. I remember her husband squeezing her behind. I remember her coming to watch my children's soccer games, baseball games, and school concerts. I remember her working at the PTA Winter Carnival and baking those cookies for bake sales.

Once, about 3 years ago, I was shopping with Virginia in Kohl's for Christmas. We were on a long line; she was undoubtedly tapping her feet to the music overhead. A man in front of us, about my age (the youth of middle age) turned around to look at something. He stopped suddenly, looking at Virginia who was then about 80 years old, and said, “Wow, those are some blue eyes.” And they were. They were sparkling eyes, sparkling blue, sparkling with kindness and life. Virginia died on November 10, 2011, in a peaceful sunlit room in her son John's house, but her sparkling eyes will be with us forever. ■

RooseveltNeighbors: A New Way to Connect

By Eitan Grunwald

Did you ever need a local recommendation, or want to borrow a tool, or look for someone to join in a local activity? Ever wonder who needs help, or who might be able to lend you a hand? Ever want to let the people of Roosevelt know about something important to our community, or something useful, or maybe just plain fun?

That's the purpose of RooseveltNeighbors, a new e-mail group for local residents to share resources and exchange information.

All around the country, e-mail groups (also called "listservs") have become a common way for neighbors to let each other know what's going on in town, and to respond in a way that's quick and convenient. Instead of people going to a bulletin board, information comes to them. Messages can be read and replied to anytime and anywhere there's an internet connection.

Typical postings include:

- Recommendations for baby sitters, housecleaners, auto mechanics, etc.
- Notices for local meetings and events
- Pets lost and found
- Help needed or offered
- Free items being given away

Now we have our own neighborhood listserv right here in Roosevelt. Here's how it works:

When someone has an announcement or request, they simply send a message to the group e-mail address, and it's distributed to everyone on the list. Messages can also be posted or read online at the RooseveltNeighbors website. Members can then reply, either privately to the author, or publicly to the whole group.

But beyond the utility of more effi-

cient communications, there's also the benefit of closer connections. As Mike Hamilton, one of the first members, puts it, "I am excited about the idea of a real-time neighborhood listserv in a town like ours. As tight-knit as we are as a community, often we find ourselves somewhat insulated from many of our citizens who do not necessarily belong to the same local organizations as we do, or have friends in common with us."

Membership is free, and open to all residents of Roosevelt who are 13 years of age or older. A Google account is recommended but not required.

To join, go to RooseveltNeighbors via tinyurl.com/rooseveltneighbors and follow the links to apply for membership. (Note: A Google account is required to sign up online.) If you don't have a Google account, you can send an e-mail directly to eitan@eitangrunwald.com and request an invitation. Please be sure to include your full name and the name of your street in Roosevelt. ■

REVIEW: Alan Mallach at the Piano

By Gladys Nadler

In his dual role of performer and educator, Alan Mallach gave an enjoyable and informative piano recital at the Roosevelt Borough Hall on November 12th. The Roosevelt Arts Project (RAP) sponsored the program which drew a large audience.

"From Tschaikovsky to Shostakovitch: Russian piano music from the 1870s to the 1950s" was the name of the program. Mr. Mallach selected five Russian composers to represent the development of piano music during this period of transition from the Romantic Period to music of the twentieth century.

The program began with three selections by Peter Ilyich Tschaikovsky (1840-1893): "Reveries du Soir" and "Nocturner," from *Six Pieces, Opus 19* (1873), then *Dumka (Russian Village Scene), Opus 59* (1886)—lovely examples of Russian music.

Mr. Mallach then presented a "Melodrama for declamation with piano" assisted by David Herrstrom who read the poem *How Fair Were Once the Roses*, just before the pianist played the music, *Opus 68/1* (1903) written by Anton Arensky (1861-1906).

Alexander Glazunov (1865-1936), the next composer, was represented by Alan's performance of "Two preludes and fugues from *Four Preludes and Fugues, Opus. 101* (1918-1924). Later, Mr. Mallach pointed out the signs of the early use of dissonance in music.

Mr. Mallach introduced the last part of the program with music written early in the career of Nikolai Medtner (1880-1951), a Russian composer and pianist of German descent who left Russia in 1921, and in 1936 settled in England, where he died. The Medtner selection Mallach played was *Sonata-Reminiscenza, Opus 38/1* (1918-1920).

The program ended with the music of the master composer credited with having integrated modern dissonance with traditional Russian music, Dimitri Shostakovich (1906-1975), a pupil of Glazunov. Our pianist played "Four preludes and fugues" from *24 Preludes and Fugues, Opus 87* (1950-1951). ■

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MEMORIES OF RALPH

By Carrie Schonwald

There is no praise or fact I can share about Ralph Seligman's life that others who knew him don't already know. I hope that the reader of these pages will indulge me in the self-centered perspective and blind adoration that only a child can have, since having known Ralph since I was born, it is a child's lens through which I have, for the most part, always seen him.

What can you call a person who you do not remember "meeting" because he was always there- like sunshine or air? What can you call a person who showed you nothing but pure love- unsullied by judgment or anger? I call that family.

Ralph and Pearl are as woven into my childhood memories and hold a place in my heart as irrevocable and treasured as my grandparents. The safety of big shoulders, big hands and a big voice, a swimming pool you could walk in, salty, dripping mozzarella, a booming laugh, the humidity of wet leaves to jump in, story upon story and the heat of a well stoked fire: these are all part of the parade of images that march through my mind when I think of Ralph.

In the office where my mother worked and shared adjoining desks with Ralph, I spent many long days throughout my childhood when I was too sick or just "sick" to go to school. I passed the hours curled up on the floor under Ralph's desk where I held court. I took calls on the disconnected but very big, black phone that Ralph had given me and I worked diligently creating works of art that were ostensibly for him, but instead hung as cheerful decorations in my small office. I have no idea where Ralph put those endlessly long legs and giant's feet while I squatted on what was rightfully his space. At lunchtime, he almost invariably threw me on his shoulders and joined us to hunt down a Fiore's sandwich or a bite at the Cuban diner.

In Ralph and Pearl's home, the smells of Pearl's cooking as well as the explosive colors and archaeological beauty of her many global art acquisitions made my child's senses come alive. After hours of

conversation and eating, we would all move to the living room where Ralph would inadvertently soothe me to sleep in his lap, with the crackle of the fireplace, deep silk of his voice and gentle giant's hand that stroked my little girl's curly head as though I were an obedient puppy.

Evidently, as I only dimly recall, but was reminded of many times by Ralph, when I was still small enough to ride on his enormous shoulders, we ran into some older ladies on the street who Ralph perhaps knew or who were just taken with the sweetness of the sight of us; and when they asked me how long I would continue to ride on his shoulders, I said "Forever!"

As forever faded in the face of my transformation to young adulthood and all the world changed around me, I always found Ralph and Pearl's house much the same- not hopelessly frozen in time as some aging couple's homes are, but rather, timeless and perfect as it had ever been: filled with sunlight, soft surfaces and the smell of so many meals shared.

Once I was long past too old to sit on Ralph's lap, I still could never visit Ralph and Pearl's house without falling into a sweet and fairy tale sleep on their cushy couch- still lulled by the smells of Pearl's kitchen and the sound of Ralph's voice. I would drift into nowhere or into the air above the yard where the deer watched me as I floated above, suspended in the perfect slumber of safety.

As an adult, each time I visited the house or met Ralph somewhere for a meal, he or he and Pearl would want to know what grown up Carrie was doing, thinking and planning. With each new revelation about my life, they asked deeper questions and advised me when I sought their input. I would glimpse the Ralph of the grown up world- deeply intelligent, fierce in his beliefs and committed to his work and community. It was at these times that I realized how very serious Ralph really was. It always came as a bit of a shock, because while I never thought of him as light-hearted or god forbid- silly in any way, Ralph's embracing presence always inspired joy so great that it led me to mistake my own exuberance for his.

As the years passed, I have seen Ralph and Pearl less and less; trying to see them at least once a year on my visits from Seattle. It saddens me no end that I did not make a point a long time ago of developing a phone relationship with Ralph as I think we missed a great opportunity to share more. By 2008, Ralph and Pearl had outlived all of my grandparents but my step-grandfather. As such, not only did their role in my heart become even more that of grandparents, but their very house became one of the only remaining "Places of my Childhood." It is, at this point, the only physical place I can still go and see and smell things that spark tender memories of all my decades past.

When I last saw him, I was reminded of what made Ralph and my relationship with him unique in my life; so few words were needed. If not a single word was exchanged during an entire visit (which never happened, of course, but if it had) and all that was shared was a look and the tight squeeze of a hand, then the force of a thousand words would have already been released.

Several times during our visit, Ralph lamented his almost non-existent energy and his unshakeable exhaustion. He spoke of them as though they represented a personal failure. He only agreed to nap after my mother and I promised that we would still be there when he woke up. We were. When he rejoined us, we ate a little dinner and about twenty minutes in, Ralph left abruptly and without a word to make it to bed before his exhaustion overwhelmed him.

I went to say goodnight and put my head on his chest in a half-reclined hug only to find him gasping for breath. I shot up, alarmed. Ralph smiled and said, "It's ok, honey, I'll be fine in a minute." He saw my distress and then spoke the words that his face and hand squeezes had always done for him, "You are such a good friend- it is so good to love and be loved."

I smiled back and nodded my head, and I hope that my face said what my mouth may not have, "Yes, Ralph, it really is." ■

Seventy-Five Years Ago

By Michael Ticktin

This year, our community celebrates its 75th anniversary. The first residents moved into the New Deal resettlement community of Jersey Homesteads in July, 1936, and the Borough of Jersey Homesteads (the name of which was changed to Roosevelt in 1945) was incorporated by an act of the New Jersey Legislature signed on May 29, 1937. Between those events, on January 20, 1937, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt delivered his Second Inaugural Address, which the Bulletin is pleased to reprint in its entirety. It profoundly expresses the spirit of those difficult times, and perhaps of our own times as well.

Second Inaugural Address of Franklin D. Roosevelt

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1937

When four years ago we met to inaugurate a President, the Republic, single-minded in anxiety, stood in spirit here. We dedicated ourselves to the fulfillment of a vision--to speed the time when there would be for all the people that security and peace essential to the pursuit of happiness. We of the Republic pledged ourselves to drive from the temple of our ancient faith those who had profaned it; to end by action, tireless and unafraid, the stagnation and despair of that day. We did those first things first.

Our covenant with ourselves did not stop there. Instinctively we recognized a deeper need--the need to find through government the instrument of our united purpose to solve for the individual the ever-rising problems of a complex civilization. Repeated attempts at their solution without the aid of government had left us baffled and bewildered. For, without that aid, we had been unable to create those moral controls over the services of science which are necessary to make science a useful servant instead of a

ruthless master of mankind. To do this we knew that we must find practical controls over blind economic forces and blindly selfish men.

We of the Republic sensed the truth that democratic government has innate capacity to protect its people against disasters once considered inevitable, to solve problems once considered unsolvable. We would not admit that we could not find a way to master economic epidemics just as, after centuries of fatalistic suffering, we had found a way to master epidemics of disease. We refused to leave the problems of our common welfare to be solved by the winds of chance and the hurricanes of disaster.

In this we Americans were discovering no wholly new truth; we were writing a new chapter in our book of self-government.

This year marks the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Constitutional Convention which made us a nation. At that Convention our forefathers found the way out of the chaos which followed the Revolutionary War; they created a strong government with powers of united action sufficient then and now to solve problems utterly beyond individual or local solution. A century and a half ago they established the Federal Government in order to promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to the American people.

Today we invoke those same powers of government to achieve the same objectives.

Four years of new experience have not belied our historic instinct. They hold out the clear hope that government within communities, government within the separate States, and government of the United States can do the things the times require, without yielding its democracy. Our tasks in the last four years did not force democracy to take a holiday.

Nearly all of us recognize that as intricacies of human relationships increase, so power to govern them

also must increase--power to stop evil; power to do good. The essential democracy of our Nation and the safety of our people depend not upon the absence of power, but upon lodging it with those whom the people can change or continue at stated intervals through an honest and free system of elections. The Constitution of 1787 did not make our democracy impotent.

In fact, in these last four years, we have made the exercise of all power more democratic; for we have begun to bring private autocratic powers into their proper subordination to the public's government. The legend that they were invincible--above and beyond the processes of a democracy--has been shattered. They have been challenged and beaten.

Our progress out of the depression is obvious. But that is not all that you and I mean by the new order of things. Our pledge was not merely to do a patchwork job with secondhand materials. By using the new materials of social justice we have undertaken to erect on the old foundations a more enduring structure for the better use of future generations.

In that purpose we have been helped by achievements of mind and spirit. Old truths have been relearned; untruths have been unlearned. We have always known that heedless self-interest was bad morals; we know now that it is bad economics. Out of the collapse of a prosperity whose builders boasted their practicality has come the conviction that in the long run economic morality pays. We are beginning to wipe out the line that divides the practical from the ideal; and in so doing we are fashioning an instrument of unimagined power for the establishment of a morally better world.

This new understanding undermines the old admiration of worldly success as such. We are beginning

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to abandon our tolerance of the abuse of power by those who betray for profit the elementary decencies of life.

In this process evil things formerly accepted will not be so easily condoned. Hard-headedness will not so easily excuse hardheartedness. We are moving toward an era of good feeling. But we realize that there can be no era of good feeling save among men of good will.

For these reasons I am justified in believing that the greatest change we have witnessed has been the change in the moral climate of America.

Among men of good will, science and democracy together offer an ever-richer life and ever-larger satisfaction to the individual. With this change in our moral climate and our rediscovered ability to improve our economic order, we have set our feet upon the road of enduring progress.

Shall we pause now and turn our back upon the road that lies ahead? Shall we call this the promised land? Or, shall we continue on our way? For "each age is a dream that is dying, or one that is coming to birth."

Many voices are heard as we face a great decision. Comfort says, "Tarry a while." Opportunism says, "This is a good spot." Timidity asks, "How difficult is the road ahead?"

True, we have come far from the days of stagnation and despair. Vitality has been preserved. Courage and confidence have been restored. Mental and moral horizons have been extended.

But our present gains were won under the pressure of more than ordinary circumstances. Advance became imperative under the goad of fear and suffering. The times were on the side of progress.

To hold to progress today, however, is more difficult. Dulled conscience, irresponsibility, and ruthless self-interest already reappear. Such symptoms of prosperity may become portents of disaster! Prosperity already tests the persistence of our progressive purpose.

Let us ask again: Have we reached the goal of our vision of that fourth day of March 1933? Have we found our happy valley?

I see a great nation, upon a great continent, blessed with a great wealth of natural resources. Its hundred and thirty million people are at peace among themselves; they are making their country a good neighbor among the nations. I see a United States which can demonstrate that, under democratic methods of government, national wealth can be translated into a spreading volume of human comforts hitherto unknown, and the lowest standard of living can be raised far above the level of mere subsistence.

But here is the challenge to our democracy: In this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens--a substantial part of its whole population--who at this very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life.

I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meager that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labeled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

I see millions denied education, recreation, and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children.

I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work

and productiveness to many other millions.

I see one-third of a nation ill-housed, ill-clad, ill-nourished.

It is not in despair that I paint you that picture. I paint it for you in hope--because the Nation, seeing and understanding the injustice in it, proposes to paint it out. We are determined to make every American citizen the subject of his country's interest and concern; and we will never regard any faithful law-abiding group within our borders as superfluous. The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.

If I know aught of the spirit and purpose of our Nation, we will not listen to Comfort, Opportunism, and Timidity. We will carry on.

Overwhelmingly, we of the Republic are men and women of good will; men and women who have more than warm hearts of dedication; men and women who have cool heads and willing hands of practical purpose as well. They will insist that every agency of popular government use effective instruments to carry out their will.

Government is competent when all who compose it work as trustees for the whole people. It can make constant progress when it keeps abreast of all the facts. It can obtain justified support and legitimate criticism when the people receive true information of all that government does.

If I know aught of the will of our people, they will demand that these conditions of effective government shall be created and maintained. They will demand a nation uncorrupted by

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cancers of injustice and, therefore, strong among the nations in its example of the will to peace.

Today we reconsecrate our country to long-cherished ideals in a suddenly changed civilization. In every land there are always at work forces that drive men apart and forces that draw men together. In our personal ambitions we are individualists. But in our seeking for economic and political progress as a nation, we all go up, or else we all go down, as one people.

To maintain a democracy of effort requires a vast amount of patience in dealing with differing methods, a vast amount of humility. But out of the confusion of many voices rises an understanding of dominant public need. Then political leadership can voice common ideals, and aid in their realization.

In taking again the oath of office as President of the United States, I assume the solemn obligation of leading the American people forward along the road over which they have chosen to advance.

While this duty rests upon me I shall do my utmost to speak their purpose and to do their will, seeking Divine guidance to help us each and every one to give light to them that sit in darkness and to guide our feet into the way of peace. ■

Ian and Jessica Powers are excited to announce the birth of their second child, Gideon Utah Powers who was born at home on December 1, 2011, weighing 7 pounds and 20 inches long. Grandchild to Fred & Coleen Powers.



Welcome Gideon!

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Emergency medical services have depended on volunteer support for many years. The importance of volunteers to the delivery of emergency medical services cannot be overstated. Rural America relies almost totally on the volunteer system to provide EMS services in a timely manner.

Volunteers are characterized by the diversity of their backgrounds, ages, gender, and reasons for volunteering. Since almost one-half of the population engages in volunteer activities, it is no surprise that the "typical" volunteer can be almost anyone.

If anyone is interested please contact any Squad member or stop in during our training for an application and an EMT training schedule. If you would like to join or receive information about becoming an EMT please e-mail FMFD7568@verizon.net.

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laryngotracheitis, but lacks the usual signs of infection (such as fever, sore throat, and increased white blood cell count). Treatment, and response to treatment, are also similar.

- Severity

The most commonly used system for classifying the severity of croup is the Westley score. It is primarily used for research purposes rather than in clinical practice. It is the sum of points assigned for five factors: level of consciousness, cyanosis, stridor, air entry, and retractions. The points given for each factor is listed in the table to the right, and the final score ranges from 0 to 17.

• A total score of ≤ 2 indicates mild croup. The characteristic barking cough and hoarseness may be present, but there is no stridor at rest.

• A total score of 3–5 is classified as moderate croup. It presents with easily heard stridor, but with few other signs.

• A total score of 6–11 is severe croup. It also presents with obvious stridor, but also features marked chest wall indrawing.

• A total score of ≥ 12 indicates impending respiratory failure. The barking cough and stridor may no longer be prominent at this stage.

85% of children presenting to the emergency department have mild disease; severe croup is rare ($<1\%$).

- Treatment

Children with croup are generally kept as calm as possible. Steroids are given routinely, with epinephrine used in severe cases. Children with oxygen saturations under 92% should receive oxygen, and those with severe croup may be hospitalized for observation. If oxygen

is needed, “blow-by” administration (holding an oxygen source near the child’s face) is recommended, as it causes less agitation than use of a mask. With treatment, less than 0.2% of people require endotracheal intubation.



There are still houses in town that either do not have house numbers or have numbers that are too small to be seen from the street. Please check the numbers posted on your house to ensure that they are large and colorful enough so Emergency Services and State Police can see them from the road, especially at night.

Jack Rindt, EMT-D
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**Remember, if you need help,
Dial 911.**

SEE AND BE SEEN!

If you walk after dark, please wear light-colored clothing

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... or at least carry a flashlight.

Remember to walk facing traffic,

... not with the traffic coming at your back.

Pale is the February sky,
 And brief the mid-day's sunny hours;
 The wind-swept forest seems to sigh
 For the sweet time of leaves and flowers.

by William Cullen Bryant from "The Twenty-second of February"

What a year 2011 was! There were many natural disasters around the globe. Earthquakes in Japan, New Zealand, Oklahoma and even here at home in our area. The biggest killer was the earthquake and resulting Tsunami that hit northeastern Japan. Twenty-thousand people perished. A 5.8 earthquake in Virginia on August 23 damaged the Washington Monument and other buildings in Washington, D.C. and Virginia. Tremors were felt in our area.

Weather related events in 2011 included Tornadoes, and plenty of them. Sixteen states experienced tornadoes on April 14 and 15. There were a record number of tornadoes in those two days, 206! Thirty-eight people were killed in the twisters. Then on April 27, dozens of people were killed by tornadoes in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The biggest tornado ever recorded ripped through Joplin, Missouri on May 22. One hundred and sixty-two people were killed and more than \$8-billion in damage occurred. Finally, three tornadoes in Massachusetts on June 1 killed three people.

Just a few days after experiencing tremors from the Virginia earthquake we were dealing with Hurricane Irene. The storm dumped over 11 inches of rain on Roosevelt. It downed several trees and knocked out power for days in some sections of town.

2011 brought us a record amount of precipitation. We had just under 70 inches of precipitation. The normal average precipitation for one year in our area is 47.68 inches.

We also had plenty of snow in 2011. We had to dig out 39.5 inches of snow from January 1 through December 31, 2011. Normal average snowfall is 24 inches. All but three inches of the annual total snow fell in January and February.

The biggest snow storm dumped 18.5 inches of snow on January 26. Three inch snowfall occurred the day before Halloween, October 30. There has been no snow from then until today (1/17/12).

The annual average temperature in town was three degrees above normal. Our normal average temperature is 52.3 Degrees. In 2011 our average temperature was 55.3. The hottest day of the year was July 22 when the mercury rose to 99.9 degrees. Our coldest day was February 24. The low temperature that day was 3.6 degrees. We saved a little fuel oil and gas last year. There were 630 fewer heating degree-days in 2011 than normal.

Weather Words

HEATING DEGREE DAY - A form of degree day used to estimate the required energy for heating. One heating degree day occurs for each degree the daily mean temperature is below 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

COOLING DEGREE DAY - A form of degree day used to estimate the required energy for cooling. One cooling degree day occurs for each degree the daily mean temperature is above 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

Weather Humor

Q: How do sheep keep warm in winter?
 A: Central bleating!

Weather Proverb

It will be the same weather for nine weeks as it is on the ninth day after Christmas.

January 3, 2012 was the 9th day after Christmas. It was cooler than normal and dry. ■

December 2011

Day	High	Low	Avg	Precip	Snow	Heat's Degree Days
1	49.3	33.8	41.6	0.00	0.00	23.5
2	51.3	29.8	40.6	0.00	0.00	24.5
3	46.8	28.6	37.7	0.00	0.00	27.3
4	55.4	31.1	43.3	0.00	0.00	21.8
5	59.7	41.5	50.6	0.00	0.00	14.4
6	62.2	53.2	57.7	0.10	0.00	7.3
7	61.0	42.8	51.9	0.15	0.00	13.1
8	46.0	36.1	41.1	2.05	0.00	24.0
9	52.2	28.9	40.6	0.00	0.00	24.5
10	47.3	28.2	37.8	0.00	0.00	27.3
11	39.2	22.6	30.9	0.00	0.00	34.1
12	43.2	22.8	33.0	0.00	0.00	32.0
13	45.0	23.5	34.3	0.00	0.00	30.8
14	50.2	28.6	39.4	0.00	0.00	25.6
15	59.2	43.9	51.6	0.00	0.00	13.5
16	49.6	39.0	44.3	0.00	0.00	20.7
17	44.8	30.4	37.6	0.00	0.00	27.4
18	34.2	21.0	27.6	0.00	0.00	37.4
19	47.1	20.8	34.0	0.00	0.00	31.1
20	47.7	40.1	43.9	0.00	0.00	21.1
21	61.0	39.7	50.4	0.16	0.00	14.7
22	59.0	45.0	52.0	0.30	0.00	13.0
23	57.0	37.0	47.0	1.35	0.00	18.0
24	39.9	24.8	32.4	0.00	0.00	32.7
25	47.3	24.4	35.9	0.00	0.00	29.2
26	47.1	33.8	40.5	0.00	0.00	24.6
27	56.8	29.7	43.3	0.00	0.00	21.8
28	47.7	39.9	43.8	0.82	0.00	21.2
29	37.9	25.7	31.8	0.00	0.00	33.2
30	51.8	31.1	41.5	0.00	0.00	23.6
31	56.5	40.8	48.7	0.00	0.00	16.4
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THE ROOSEVELT STRING BAND

The String Band (as it is known in Roosevelt) returns for its annual concert featuring mostly contemporary singer/songwriter hits, traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. Band members include David Brahinsky on vocals and guitar, Paul Prestopino on a variety of string instruments (and at least one vocal), Ed Cedar on bass and guitar, Sam Cedar on vocals and Joe Pepitone and Sarah Houtz (Kai Altair) promise to show up as well. This year's program promises to feature (as usual!) songs with deep metaphysical insights, social and political commentary, gut wrenching humor and plain fun.

Sunday, June 24, 1-5:00 p.m., Assifa Space, 40 Tamara Drive

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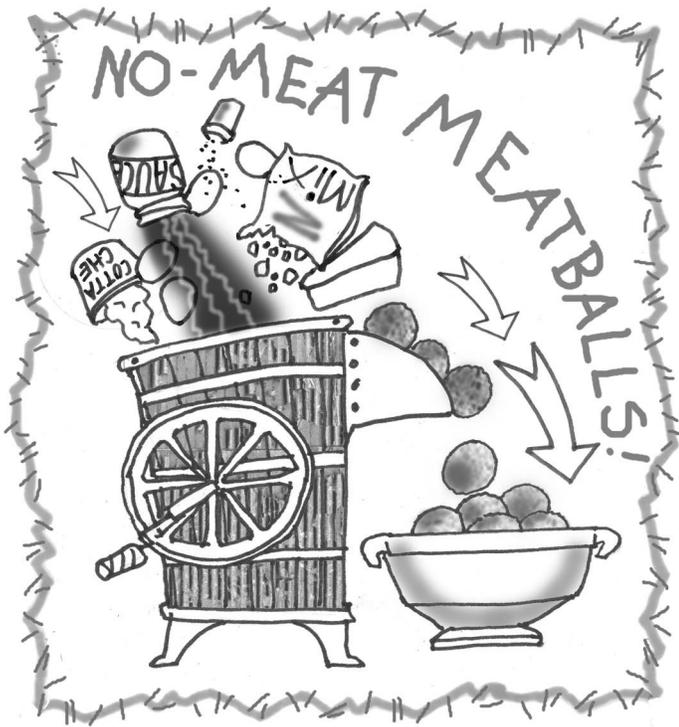
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Submitted by Florie Johnson



No-Meat Metballs

1 C cottage cheese
 1 C (4 oz.) shredded sharp cheddar cheese
 4 eggs well beaten
 2 C herb-seasoned stuffing mix
 1 ½ C coarsely chopped walnuts
 ½ C chopped onion
 1 tsp basil leaves
 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
 ½ tsp ground sage
 One 15 oz. jar marinara sauce

- Preheat oven 350 degrees.
- In large bowl combine all ingredients and mix well.
- Using about ½ cup of mix for each, shape into 12 balls.
- Arrange in lightly greased 8 inch square pan.
- Spoon marinara sauce evenly over top.
- Bake uncovered for 30 to 35 minutes or until bubbly.
- Refrigerate leftovers.

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FEBRUARY

1 Wed.	RECYCLE 
3 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS PTA Movie Night
7 Tues.	12:30 p.m. Blood pressure check, Borough Hall 1:00 p.m. Seniors Meeting, Borough Hall Pat Moser, President, 448-4865 7:30 p.m. Planning Board, Borough Hall, Jane Rothfuss, Chair. 448-3713
12 Sun.	10:00 a.m. RAP "Music and Pancake Breakfast with Brad Garton and Friends," Borough Hall (see page 17 for details)
13 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
15 Wed.	RECYCLE  7:30 p.m. Environmental Comm. Mtg., Boro Hall Stu Kaufman, Chair. 448-4921
17 Fri.	PIZZA DAY, RPS
19 Sun.	10:00 a.m. First Aid Squad, Training, Jack Rindt, Captain, 448-
20 Mon.	RPS School Closed, President's Weekend
21 Tues.	7:00 p.m. PTA Business Meeting, Stacy O'Donnell, President 423-8105 8:00 p.m. First Aid Squad, Business meeting, Jeff Klein, President, 448-0509
23	7:30 p.m. RPS Board of Education, RPS Lobby, Natalie Warner, President, 448-2913
24 Fri..	PTA, School Dance, (All Ages) Stacy O'Donnell, President. 423-8105
27 Mon.	7:00 p.m. Council Action Meeting, Borough Hall, Beth Battel, Mayor, 448-7701
29 Wed.	RECYCLE 
TBA	RPS 100th Day of School Celebration

MARCH

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