

The Jamesburg Bulletin

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Good News Travels Fast...Serving the Jamesburg Community

January, 2009

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Friends of the Library...Sat...1/3...Library...10:30AM
- Patriotic Committee/Memorial Day Parade...Mon...1/5...Borough Hall...7PM
- Jamesburg Historical Association...Wed...1/7...Soden Agency...7PM
- Jamesburg Borough Council...1/7 & 1/28...Borough Hall...7PM
- Jamesburg Land Use & Zoning Board...Thu...1/8...Borough Hall...7PM
- Jamesburg Civic Association...Thu...1/8...Lisco's Cafe...7PM
- Jamesburg Senior Citizens...Wed...1/14...Center on Stevens...1PM
- Jamesburg Public Library, Board of Trustees...Mon...1/19...Library...7PM
- Jamesburg Fall Festival Committee...Tue...1/27...Borough Hall...7PM
- Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition... Wed...1/28...Borough Hall...8PM

Lisco's Country Café

49 East Railroad Avenue Jamesburg, NJ 08831 732-521-0470

Please welcome John Lisco, III to the staff of Lisco's

Look for Live Entertainment, Open Mic Night coming soon!

Daily Specials-Eat In, BYOB-Take Out

Sun, Mon & Tue- 7:00AM-4PM; Thu, Fri & Sat-7:00AM-8:00PM

John & Patty Lisco are asking the community to donate to the basket in Lisco's for the Tammy Stryker Family. Tammy was a faithful employee who left us all too suddenly.

Special thanks to the DeMarco Funeral Home for their kind generosity.

Top 10 new year's resolutions!

10. To stop being annoying and rude to others
9. To drive more carefully/be respectful of others while driving
8. To stop smoking/drinking
7. To loose weight/get more exercise
6. To have a better diet/eat less junk food
5. To save more money or spend less/payoff credit cards
4. To be nicer to my spouse/significant other
3. To be on time/not late for appointments
2. To be more efficient at the job
1. To stop drinking coffee/smoking while driving and talking on the cell phone and/or applying makeup!

(This is only one survey, results may vary, get over it, get a life!)

“Resolve and thou art free.” –Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Resolve to perform what you ought; perform without fail what you resolve.” -Benjamin A. Franklin

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LET' GO SURFING...

Remember to go to www.jamesburg.net when surfing for goods or services. The information is free and plentiful. There are many links to businesses, Government, History and more, right in town that can provide what you need. We have over 100 business/service entities in town! The Jamesburg Bulletin can be found on the net at www.jamesburg.net.

On the Soap Box: Happy new year! Third anniversary issue!!!

Most of the time, it is easier to say "NO" to a new idea, to not take a risk in believing that someone else could be right about something. We are content to exist in our little box of reality, to stay in our comfort zone. This is not living. Living is about caring about something or someone. Treating others with respect and courtesy and stepping out on that thinner branch to say "YES!" is what we are here to do. Think of all the people who have thought of all the ideas that someone said yes to instead of no. Would we still be here today if they had all said "NO"? Yes, we can make a difference. Look at the stories in this issue and see what a few people can do in this community. A lot of little good deeds become a major factor in people's lives. Let's try to keep it going for the whole year. Get involved with saying "YES!"

Awesome sandwich recipe: "sloppy joe of a different sort"

Our recipe comes from Dan Davis, Executive Chef from Fiddleheads. It sounds marvelous and we can't wait to dig in and try it. The recipe as follows serves six to eight people. A great winter recipe! Let's get started. You will need the following ingredients:

2lbs. ground beef, 2 green peppers diced large, 8 celery ribs, chopped large, 2-28 oz. canned whole plum tomatoes, crushed with juice, 1 6 oz. can tomato paste, 1 cup roasted red peppers, 2 tbsp. dried oregano, 2 tbsp. dried basil, 3 tbsp. chopped fresh garlic, 2 tbsp. salt, 1 tbsp. black pepper, 1 cup molasses, 1 cup cider vinegar, 1/4 cup olive oil, 1/4 cup flour and 1/2 cup water.

In a large heavy soup pot, heat olive oil, add garlic and sauté for 2 minutes. Then add onion, celery, bell pepper and sauté together until soft. Add ground beef, oregano, basil, salt & pepper cooking at medium heat, stirring and breaking up the beef. When beef is cooked thoroughly, add tomatoes, tomato paste, roasted peppers, molasses and vinegar. Bring to a simmer. Whisk flour and water together, until there are no lumps. Add to Joe mixture and simmer for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve hot over fresh baked Cheddar biscuits, the recipe on the Bisquick box is a good one. Bon appetite!

Off the Record: The pop Charts

1959..."The Chipmunk Song" retains #1 for a total of 4 weeks on the Billboard Charts while Ray Charles took the #1 LP spot for the year with "What I Say", 1969 featured the Jackson Five with "I Want You Back," Abbey Road was the top LP of the year by the Beatles and 1979 was taken by Donna Summer singing "Hot Stuff." Her LP "Bad Girls" was #1 for the year as well. -*Rock and Roll Encyclopedia and the Rolling Stone Book of Lists*

The Lighter Side:

In a recent survey, 9 out of 10 puppies preferred the National Enquirer for training, But 9 out of 10 cats thought it would be redundant to have it in the litter box. One day I accidentally set the house on fire, my mother sent me to my room. We had a quicksand box in the backyard. I was an only child...eventually. I tried making my dog a guard dog, but he really looked stupid in the uniform. I had an Uncle who made a fortune going door to door selling "No Soliciting" signs. I saw a new board game in the toy store. It's called "Nuke 'Em, the Game of Acceptable Losses." Remember folks, I don't write them, I just pass them along the pipeline!

The coat drive wrap up...no pun intended!

The annual Jersey Cares, "Baby, Its Cold Outside" coat drive was completed December 19, 2008. Sponsor of the local effort, Dr. Debra DeMarco of Monroe Chiropractic Care, was very pleased with the result. "Our group of volunteers collected well over 2000 coats during the last 2 months. This brings the four year total to over 9000 coats donated. With the state of the economy this year, we are very, very grateful for the generosity of the community." The Jersey Cares Coat Drive collects about 40,000 coats statewide, so the Jamesburg donation is a considerable one considering the size of the locale and the current economic climate.

Dr. DeMarco would like to thank everyone who gave a hand in collecting, bagging and transporting coats. Organizations involved include the Jamesburg Police Department, PNC Bank, Sweet William & Thyme Florists and Gifts as well as, Kaye Septak's Redecorating Center, Ed Platt's Performance Plus, GWS Contractor, Dr. Ghandi from Monroe Foot & Ankle Care, Central Jersey Dental, K-Vent/EVI Co. from Dayton, Canon, JFK Elementary, GMB Middle & MTHS including the Guidance Office, the Cashman Family, June Rizza, Stroul Entertainment Group and Nicolette Lichtman from Monroe Chiropractic Care.

Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition news

The next meeting of the Jamesburg Revitalization Coalition will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at Borough Hall commencing at 7PM. The JRC monthly meeting is open to the public and generally lasts about an hour. The focus of the meeting will revolve around planning the annual Town Hall meeting in late February to give the community an update on upcoming projects and events. The group will also have its annual election of executive board members. Some of the projects coming to fruition are two street clock projects. Details of these will be released during the town hall meeting. Other things on the January agenda will be the report on the Holiday Carriage rides and the Jamesburg Fall Festival which will also include the Buckelew 5K. Many events and vendors have already committed to the Fall Festival, which will be replacing the Street Festival of years past.

The annual Historic Narrated Carriage Rides were successful as a rain date was added on 12/18. This year's ticket sales exceeded last year by \$250.00 so that the Presbyterian Church will get a check from the JRC for \$600.00. Thanks to Platt's Performance Plus, Fiddleheads Restaurant, PNC Bank, Corinthian Capital, Sweet William & Thyme Florist and Gifts, Kaye Septak's Redecorating Center, TD Bank, Century 21 Real Estate, Tealightful Treasures, Grey Horse Carriage Company and the Soden Agency. Next year will feature an option for 2 bad weather dates if needed. Money was also collected at Lisco's Country Café.

Jamesburg Public Library news

The Jamesburg Public Library/Cultural Center has big plans for the coming year. By late winter, there should be four new computers in place as well as a printer. The computers will ease the demand now felt by waiting patrons. This purchase will be funded by state aid monies.

January 5th will see the start of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at the library. Janet Lopez, an experienced teacher of English, will conduct the free classes for adults only on Monday and Thursdays 10-11:30AM at the library. Many of the teaching aids have been donated.

The Second Annual Art Show will take place March 1st through March 22nd. This year the theme will be photography. Watch for more information in February, the sign up month. Come visit YOUR library and see all we have to offer. (Editor's note: Many services at the library are free to members, library memberships are free!)

They said it:

"Great literature is simply language charged with meaning to the utmost possible degree." –Ezra Pound

"The decline of literature indicates the decline of a nation." –Johan Wolfgang Von Goethe

"Literature is the immortality of speech." –August Wilhelm Von Schlegel

"Ignorance is a voluntary misfortune." –Nicholas Ling