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### WITH \$15,000 IN AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIP CONTINUES TO GROW

Submitted by Gary Miller

A \$1,000 scholarship awarded in 1993 to a Linden High School senior named Danny Robertozzi is still paying dividends to LHS students today.

Robertozzi, now the superintendent of Linden Public Schools, had been selected to receive the Kenneth Hetem Memorial Scholarship, given to a lineman on the LHS football team with top grades.

"I was a student sitting in the audience on scholarship night, and I remember one of the speakers saying, 'If you ever have the opportunity to come back to your community and give back, please make sure you do,' " Robertozzi said.

Those words stuck with him until the day he became superintendent in 2013, when he decided it was time to pay his scholarship forward.

He enlisted the help of his former high school guidance counselor, Theodore Simonelli, in creating the Danny A. Robertozzi Superintendent Scholarship Fund. In the first year, the fund paid out one \$500 scholarship.

At this year's LHS Scholarship Awards Program on Monday, May 13, 2019, Robertozzi announced that the fund will hand out \$1,500 scholarships to 10 students, and was met with a roar of applause.

The seniors chosen to receive the awards this year are Jaclyn Beviano, Austin Urban, Brooke Beyer, Love Desrosiers, Ariana Eastwood, Darius Lewis, Daniel Lopez, Siarrah Myers, Asia Todd and Piotr Zelazny.

"Some of the finest kids in Linden High School," Simonelli said.

The Superintendent's Scholarships are supported solely through private donations. A fundraising dinner has been held for the past two years at Amici's Restaurant in Linden, bringing together people from throughout the district and community to support the fund through ticket sales and raffles.

The recipients are chosen by a committee headed by Simonelli, based on an application and essay.



(above, l-r) Superintendent Scholarship Chairman Theodore Simonelli, recipients Piotr Zelazny, Love Desrosiers, Darius Lewis, Austin Urban, Brooke Beyer, Jaclyn Beviano, Ariana Eastwood, Siarrah Myers, and Daniel Lopez, and Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi.

Not pictured is recipient Asia Todd.

Robertozzi dedicates the scholarship to his parents, Nan and Tony Robertozzi, whom he lost to illness a year apart while he was in college. In fact, the criteria for selection were inspired by his parents. Students are chosen for outstanding character or a pursuit of a career in education.

"I do it in the memory of my mom for character because my mom was the nicest person ever in the history of the world," he said. "And she always told me to do the right thing.

"And my dad worked hard. He worked in a chemical factory for 30 years and never missed a day of work.

"So they taught me that through good character and hard work, you'll always be successful."

The Superintendent's Scholarships were awarded at Linden High School's annual awards night, where \$100,000 of scholarship were distributed.

"We celebrate the achievement of our students," Principal Yelena Horré said in opening remarks to the crowded auditorium. "We give them accolades and a little bit more, and then send them off into the world knowing that we believe in them, the community believes in them. Congratulations to all the students and thank you to all the community members who support us."

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### **LINDEN'S 2019 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES DEDICATED TO GARY LUCIANO**

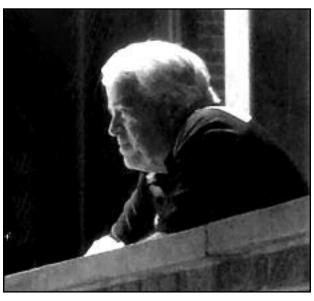
The 2019 City of Linden Summer Concert Prevention Night, along with Dance Nights. The Series opening night was held on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Jim Barone – Elvis Tribute band, had the large crowd dancing and singing along to Elvis tunes at the jam packed Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade.

The evening opened with Linden's Recreation Supervisor, Nancy Braxton, announcing that the 2019 concert series is dedicated to the Memory of Gary Luciano, a former Linden councilman and supervisor of the Recreation Department who passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019. Gary Luciano was instrumental in having the Promenade built and bringing about the concert series as well as many other popular events in the city. He lived with his family in Linden for 42 years prior to moving to Rahway.

Braxton, emotional at times, stated "Tonight is a bitter sweet night, our friend Gary Luciano passed away on Easter Sunday. We decided that we were going to dedicate this season to Gary because he was one of the main reasons that we have this promenade. And we have to be grateful to him. Gary was a magnificent person as most of you know. I want to thank his family for sharing him with us for all those years. We love him and we will remember him always."

Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade is the home of the Performing Arts in Linden, New Jersey. There are free concerts, special events such as National Night Out Against Crime and Fire promenade was named after Raymond Wood Bauer, a banker and philanthropist. The Summer Concert Series is brought to you through the benevolence of the Benefactors of the Arts, Patrons of the Arts, Friends of the Arts.

The 2019 Linden Summer Concert Series is sponsored by Mayor Derek Armstead, Linden City Council, The Linden Parks and Recreation Department, and the Department of Public Property. For more information and updated schedules, visit linden-nj.org



(above left) Gary Luciano at the Raymond Wood Bauer Promenade.

**Comedy Night** 

### **RAYMOND WOOD BAUER PROMENADE 2019 LINE-UP**

Funk Urban Salsa ~ Latin Rhythms Tue. July 2, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. July 4, 2019 - 8:00pm **100 Proof ~ Country Rock** Tue. July 9, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. July 11, 2019 - 8:00pm Dara & Frank ~ PsychOdelic Angel Fri. July 12, 2019 - 7:30pm Dancing Dream ~ ABBA Tribute Tue. July 16, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. July 18, 2019 - 8:00pm Route 80 ~ sounds of the 80's Tue. July 23, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. July 25, 2019 - 8:00pm Adler's Band ~ Oktoberfest Fri. July 26, 2019 - 7:30pm NY State of Mind ~ Billy Joel Tribute

**Comedy Night** Thurs. Aug 1, 2019 - 8:00pm **National Night Out Against Crime** Tue. Aug. 6, 2019 - (4 pm-7 pm)/t **Soul Cruisers ~ Motown** Tue. Aug. 6, 2019 - 7:30pm

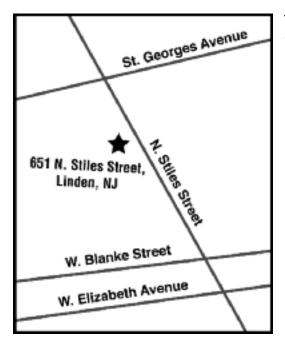
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Thurs. Aug 8, 2019 - 8:00pm Petty mania ~ Tom Petty Tribute Fri. Aug. 9, 2019 - 7:30pm **Mush Mouth ~ Hottest Cover Band** Tue. Aug. 13, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. Aug 15, 2019 - 8:00pm Zydeco-A-Go-Go ~ Music of New Orleans/R&B Fri. Aug. 16, 2019 - 7:30pm Tru Sol ~ R&B Tue. Aug. 20, 2019 - 7:30pm **Comedy Night** Thurs. Aug 22, 2019 - 8:00pm **Promised Land ~ Springsteen Tribute** Fri. Aug. 23, 2019 - 7:30pm Reminisce DooWop/ Oldie's/Motown Tue. Aug. 27, 2019 - 7:30pm **Epic Soul ~ Soul/R&B** Tue. Sept. 3, 2019 - 7:30pm Able Ovadia Quartet ~ Jazz Fri. Sept. 6, 2019 - 7:30pm Frontier ~ Journey Tribute Tue. Sept. 10, 2019 - 7:30pm **Karickters ~ Jazz/ R&B** Fri. Sept. 13, 2019 - 7:30pm Van Martin & The Big Band Tue. Sept. 17, 2019 - 7:30pm

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### LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL NJROTC WELCOMES NEW CLASS OF CADET LEADERS





(above) Linden High School NJROTC Male and Female Cadets of the Year Maurice Faulk, and Gladylise Mendezwith Commander Boyd Decker, U.S. Navy retired, who is senior Naval Science instructor at LHS.



(above) The new regimental staff, led by Commanding Officer Cadet Capt. Mario Rodriguez at front, will lead the Linden High School NJROTC through the 2019-20 school year.

Submitted by Gary Miller

The Linden High School NJROTC held a dignified change of command ceremony on May 13, 2019, revealing the commanding officer for the 2019-20 school year, as well as the regimental staff, which will lead the unit through the next school year.

Commanding Officer Cadet Capt. Gilbert Nolasco, a graduating senior, was relieved by junior Mario Rodriguez.

The auditorium was packed with cadets, families, staff, and honored guests including Assistant Superintendent Denise Cleary and other administrators, members of the Board of Education, Mayor Derek Armstead, Linden Chief of Police David Hart, and leaders of local military groups.

Commander Boyd Decker, senior Naval Science instructor at Linden High School, spoke about the unit and what the ceremony represents to the cadets.

Principal Yelena Horré said the NJROTC is one of the school's most successful programs, making up about a quarter of the school population.

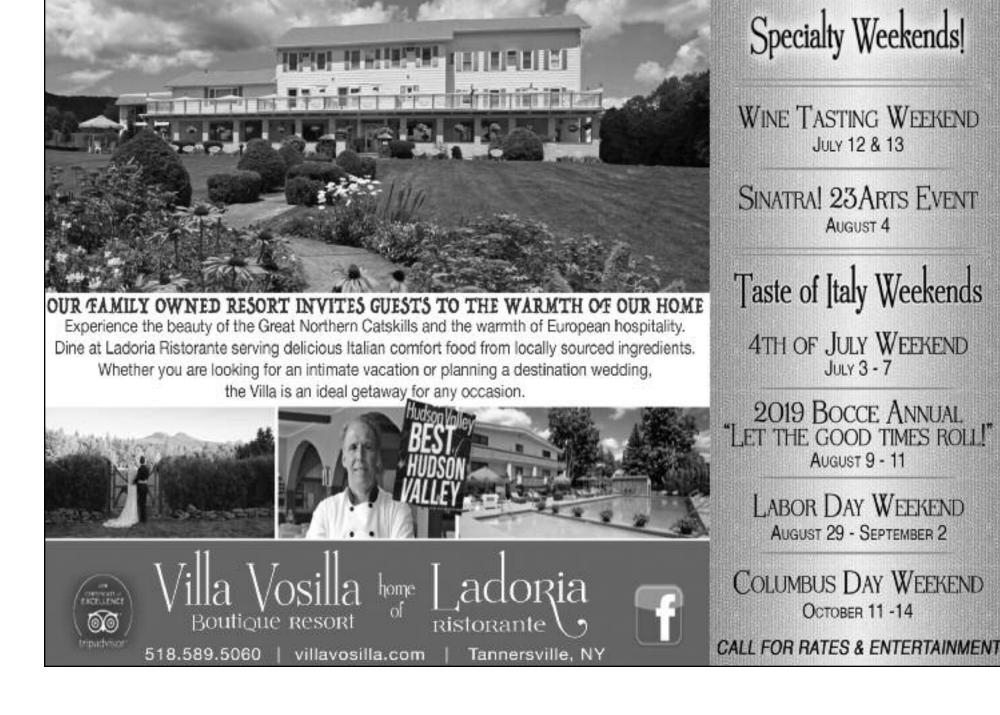
The regimental staff, known as the "Top 12," which will lead the unit in 2019-20, is as follows:

Commanding Officer: Capt. Mario Rodriguez; Executive Officer: Commander Licxi Cardoso; Command Master Chief: Petty Officer Daniel Castillo; Operations Officer: Commander Ganesh Ramcharran; HQ Battalion Commanding Officer: Commander Jaydon McKoy; HQ Battalion Executive Officer: Lt. Commander Hajari Tucker; 2nd Battalion Commanding Officer: Commander Mathew Rocha; 2nd Battalion Executive Officer: Lt. Commander Lissette Santos; 3rd Battalion Commanding Officer: Commander Christina Gonzalez; 3rd Battalion Executive Officer: Lt. Commander Ruben Rua; 4th Battalion Commanding Officer: Commander Zachary Donovan; 4th Battalion Executive Officer: Lt. Commander Nicole Molano.

The Change of Command followed the unit's annual awards ceremony. The top honors of the night went to cadets Gladylise Mendez and Maurice Faulk, who were named female and male Cadets of the Year, respectively.

Faulk was also honored along with cadets Erik Hernandez, Onelvi Martinez and Andrew Lopez for their enlistment in the U.S. Marine Corps. The four will depart for basic training shortly after graduation.

The Linden High School Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, founded in 1986, is a voluntary citizen development program focusing on character education, leadership and service. Most cadets do not go on to serve in the military, but are better prepared to take on the challenges of higher education or the workforce because of the discipline and sense of commitment they learn in the program.



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### WALKERS MAKE STRIDES TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PREECLAMPSIA

non-profit organization dedicated to reducing maternal and infant illness and death due to preeclampsia, a life-threatening disorder of had more than 200 participants, making an pregnancy, made strides on May 18, 2019 at beautiful Oak Ridge Park in Clark, NJ to raise awareness at the annual Promise Walk for Preeclampsia. The walkers joined thousands of other participants around the country who are walking in May and June to support innovative

warning signs and symptoms of preeclampsia.

The event has raised over \$21,000 to date and impact in their local community. Jaye Wilson, of Linden, was the mission family at the event and shared about her own experiences with

Advocates for the Preeclampsia Foundation, a research and raise public awareness about the Preeclampsia. Mayor Armstead, Councilwoman Hickey, and Chief David Hart were in attendance.

> The Promise Walk for Preeclampsia fundraising season runs through August 31, 2019. For more information or to contribute to the Central and North Jersey walk, please visit promisewalk.org/NewJersey.





(above) Linden resident Jaye Wilson pictured with her children and the 2019 Committee Members for the Walk at Oak Ridge Park.



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Hawk Rise Sanctuary, which is located off Lower Road in Linden, is open to the public all year and the Audubon Society runs various programs throughout the year. The infamous "Hawk Rise Goes Batty" will take place in the evening on Friday, July 12, 2019, from 8:00 – 9:30 p.m. No registration is required. For more information, visit njaudubon.org/centers/hawk-rise-sanctuary/





(above) Linden resident Lois Bass had the chance to do some bird watching with her grandson during a recent field trip to the Hawk Rise Sanctuary.

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# HOOP-A-THON RAISES \$36K FOR AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS NEW JERSEY

Submitted by Paige Hidlay, On behalf of Mondelez International

After-School All-Stars hosted their Hoop-a-Thon fundraiser on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Linden High School with a Free Throw competition as well as food, contests, and performances by All-Star students.

ASAS provides free, comprehensive after-school programs that keep children safe and help them succeed in school and life to over 1,000 students. Hosted by Newark's Dupre "DoItAll" Kelly, co-founder at 211 Community Impact and entertainer at Lords of the Underground, the Hoop-a-Thon raised \$36,723.

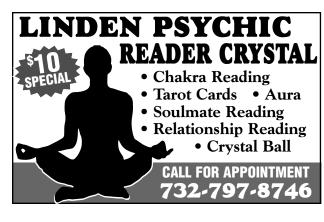
"The Hoop-a-thon was a fun day for participants to connect with our All-Stars and see first-hand the impact our programs have on children in the community," said Nicole Harris, Executive Director of ASAS NJ.

ASAS Board member, Tim Hepplewhite, Head of Strategy & Transformation, Mondelēz

International NA, noted the relationship with local corporations and ASAS NJ. "Mondelēz International is thrilled to support this incredible After-School All-Stars event. As one of our longstanding community partners, we passionately believe in the great work they do to help kids succeed in school, and in life. Twelve teams of Mondelēz employees were happy to compete for all-important office bragging rights, having collectively raised over \$20,000 for the Hoop-a-Thon."

Activities throughout the day included giveaways, celebrity appearances, a silent auction and a half-time show with performances by Newark's own Leah Jenea, and ASAS students.

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When asked about what prompted the choice of this show, director Howard Whitmore said, "This show has been close to my heart since it first appeared at Papermill, and the message is one that we all need to be reminded of from time to time." He elaborated on the strength of the show's themes, saying, "At its core, Children of Eden is a show about the importance of family and learning from the mistakes of our forefathers so that we don't repeat them."

Adam, Eve, Noah and the "Father" who created them deal with the headstrong and sometimes cataclysmic actions of their respective children. The show ultimately delivers a bittersweet, but inspiring message: that "the hardest part of love... is letting go."

Children of Eden will be playing at Linden High School's newly renovated Susan L. Hudak Auditorium July 19 – July 27, 2019. Tickets are on sale now! Call 908-925-7619 or order online at mysticvisionplayers.com.

Performance Schedule: July 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27 at 8 p.m. July 21 at 3pm.





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### **KIWANIS CLUB OF LINDEN AWARDS** \$9,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

On Monday, May 20, 2019, during the Linden High School Scholarship Awards Night, the Kiwanis Club of Linden presented nine \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors.

Pictured are Kiwanis Club of Linden members, Mary Ann Dorin, Mary Phillips, Lois Bass, Steve Rakin, and June Lazaro, with scholarship winners.



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### CALABRIA PIZZERIA, A LOCAL TRADITION, CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

Calabria Pizzeria and Catering is proudly over the counter at pickup, and all the family celebrating its 50th Anniversary. A fixture on Centennial Avenue in Cranford since 1969, the family-owned and operated restaurant has a host of special events planned to mark the milestone including the unveiling of a newly expanded menu, premiering their line of family recipe signature sauces, and loads of contests and promotions to thank long-time patrons and welcome new customers to enjoy Calabria's "old word taste, local tradition".

When emigrating from Italy as a teenager, Antonio "Tony" Somma brought with him his favorite foods from childhood. Calabria has since used Nonna Somma's Family Recipe marinara as their signature sauce throughout the menu to give everything from pizza to pasta to seafood a rich, distinctive taste. What started as a traditional New Jersey pizzeria, Tony grew Calabria's reputation for the area's best Italian-American authentic cuisine maintaining the time-honored techniques of the old country, an unwavering commitment to the highest-quality ingredients and friendly, greetyou-by-name service.

A local business in the truest sense, Calabria is woven into the fabric of Cranford with the Somma family having raised their five children in the community they serve. Generations of friends and neighbors share fond memories of countless youth sports teams piling into Calabria to celebrate victories, the household anticipation of "pizza night" while sharing a bit of banter

occasions big and small marked by mouthwatering chicken parmigiana, creamy baked ziti, sizzling sausage and peppers or whatever your go-to dish is.

Having outgrown the original location by 2006 (where 100 Steps Raw Bar now stands), Calabria moved across the street to 208 Centennial Avenue. The new location saw Gennaro Somma help his father usher in more upscale décor, a wider-range of catering options and white tablecloth-style entrees all while staying true to Calabria's roots as a neighborhood pizzeria.

The Sicilian, Grandma, and Margherita pizzas that customers have long-raved about remain unchanged. As have the hearty made-fromscratch entrées and the array of comfort food options lining the display case to satisfy the quick fix. Whether traditional slices, stromboli rolls, stuffed slices or their daily lunch specials, Calabria's got you covered seven days a week.

"We're proud to serve the community all these years and be Cranford's longest running pizzeria," said Gennaro, who quietly took over for his father in November 2017. "Growing up in town and in the restaurant, tradition is important. I try to honor my family's tradition and at the same time welcome the future."

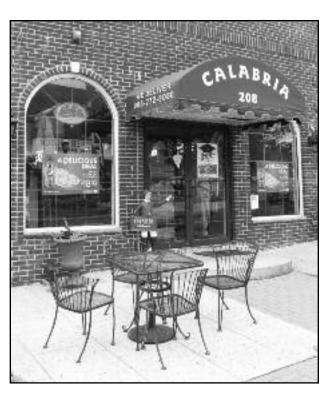
"People still think I'm the boss," said Tony smiling, who remains a constant at Calabria despite his unofficial retirement, "and I haven't had complaints with the new guy."



(above, l-r) Two generations of Calabria Pizzeria, Tony, circa 1989, and Gennaro 2019.



(above l-r) Tony Somma passed the tradition of running Calabria Pizza to his son Gennaro.



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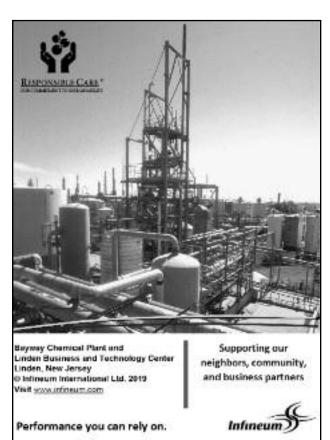


(above) 'Business of the Year' award was given to A&M Industrial



(above) A 'Business of the Year' award was given to Scomage Information Services, Inc.

(right) Entertainment for the dinner was provided by the Linden High School Touring Choir



### **LINDEN CHAMBER PRESENTS BUSINESS AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Linden Chamber of Commerce held their quickly promoted to Community Relations eighteenth annual scholarship and business awards dinner on June 13, 2019 at Ill Amici Ristorante in Linden, New Jersey.

Four scholarships totaling \$5,000, were awarded to Linden High School seniors Love Desrosiers, Piotr Zelany, Siarrah Meyers, and Daniel Lopez.

A 'Business of the Year' award was given to A&M Industrial, A&M operated with a location in Linden for over 30 years and continues to serve customers in the local industrial community. A&M takes pride in being part of the amazing re-vitalization of the City of Linden.

A 'Business of the Year' award was given to Scomage Information Services, Inc. A family business that was founded in 1999 to provide software development, system integration and computer support services to small and mid-sized businesses.

The 'Person of the Year' award was presented to Lois Bass. Lois has resided in Linden for the past 39 years. She joined Infineum USA L.P. in 1999 as an Administrative Assistant and was

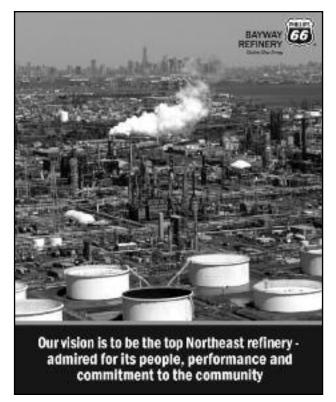
Coordinator in 2008 where she serves as an ambassador for Infineum. Lois is a member of over a dozen organizations. When there is a need, Lois is eager to volunteer.

The Linden Chamber of Commerce is made up of volunteers and is actively involved in the community. Throughout the year fund-raising is constant to ensure as many scholarships as possible can be given out. The Linden Chamber works to provide support for new and current businesses, advocates site development and promotes a forward thinking and carefully planned business environment in Linden. Their meetings are designed for sharing information and experiences. Representatives from the Linden Government are always in attendance at meetings, which allows for an open and communicative relationship between business owners and the municipality. Meetings take place at 8:30 a.m., on the fourth Tuesday of every month except July and August. For more information about the Linden Chamber visit gatewaychamber.com or call (908) 352-0900.



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### **GATEWAY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS**

During the Linden High School Scholarship scholarships to graduating seniors. Awards Night held on May 20, 2019, the the Linden Chamber of Commerce presented scholarship winners.

Pictured far right is Linden Chamber of Gateway Regional Chamber of Commerce and Commerce President Janet Miller with



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(above) School No. 1 students take part in the annual walkathon to benefit the LINCS Food Pantry.



(above) Linden High School students take part in the walkathon at Wilson Park.



(above) School No. 8 students line up for the annual walkathon.

Photos by Linden Public Schools

### STUDENTS TAKE STEPS TO HELP OTHERS

### Submitted by Gary Miller

Linden Public Schools students got moving for a good cause at the annual walkathon to benefit the LINCS Food Pantry, which helps families in need in the Linden community.

The walkathon was held May 31 in Wilson Park behind the Linden High School Academy of Science and Technology. Students and staff from Linden High School, Soehl and McManus middle schools, and Schools No. 1, 8, 9 and 10 took part in raising awareness and donations for the cause.

"We have about 200 low-income families that

we take care of," LINCS Director Joseph La Placa told participants in opening remarks before the start of the walkathon. "By being here today, you'll make their lives a little bit easier. So we really and truly appreciate that."

Other schools that couldn't walk to Wilson Park held school-based donation drives and walkathons in their own area to benefit LINCS. which stands for Linden Interfaith Network for Community Services.

The event is sponsored by Linden Public Schools and the Linden Education Association.



(above) The Linden High School National Honor Society presents a donation of more than \$1,700 to representatives of the LINCS Food Pantry at the annual walkathon at Wilson Park.

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### KINDERGARTNER'S SELFLESSNESS GIVES BOOST TO A MAGICAL NIGHT

Submitted by Gary Miller

The Linden community came together on May 3, 2019, for a night of magic and comedy to help the families of two elementary school children who are battling cancer.

The "Make Cancer Disappear" show at McManus Middle School raised money to help the families of School No. 8 second-grader Isabel Dominguez, who is fighting leukemia, and School No. 1 third-grader Arion Mamudi, who is fighting osteosarcoma. Both families were in attendance for the night of love and laughter featuring comedian and ventriloquist John Pizzi and magician Joe Holiday. Both donated their performances to the cause.

The show also benefited The Valerie Fund, which offers support that allows students to keep up with their schoolwork while they are undergoing treatments. But just when you thought it couldn't get any more magical, another rabbit popped out of the hat.

When School No. 8 kindergartner Anna Brum heard about the fundraiser, which was organized by her technology teacher Kim Kefalas, she told her mother that she didn't want any presents for her birthday. She wanted everyone to donate to the fundraiser instead.

She ended up raising \$450 to give to Kefalas, which brought the total to over \$5,000 to be divided among Arion, Isabel, and The Valerie Fund.

"As a teacher, there is nothing more important that I can teach these kids than to inspire them to be kind to people," Kefalas said. "And she's inspiring me. At 6 years old, she's setting an example for every adult. I could not be more proud of her."

Anna was honored by the Board of Education at its meeting on May 30, where she was surprised by Kefalas with a bag of donated gifts to make sure that she got some birthday presents after all.

Kefalas, who teaches at School No. 8 and School No. 10, is a cancer survivor herself. She feels obligated to help raise money and awareness because of all the help and kindness she was shown from the Linden Public Schools community when she was fighting breast cancer.

"I had one of those days really bad days," she recalled. "It was a bad chemo day and it was awful weather. I remember sitting in my house and saying, 'God, if you just get me through this, I swear I will do everything I can to pay it forward."

For the past two years, she has sold T-shirts that read "Fight Like a Tiger" in honor of the Linden mascot, with proceeds going to the American Cancer Society.



(above) Linden teacher Kim Kefalas with School No. 8 kindergartner Anna Brum, who instead of birthday presents asked for donations toward Kefalas' fundraiser to help the families of two students battling cancer. To say thanks, Kefalas gave Anna a bag of donated presents.



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(above) Linden teacher Kim Kefalas with School No. 8 kindergartner Anna Brum and her parents, Marcio and Camila.

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