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## ROTC UNIT JOINS THE VETERANS DAY PARADE IN NYC

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Our exceptional Linden High School NJROTC unit proudly participated in the 105th annual Veterans Day Parade—the nation’s largest event honoring military service—organized by the United War Veterans Council.

Leading the unit were CO Josue Carpio, XO Denae Griffin, CMC Alonzo Smith, and OPS Alivia Young-Bey, supported by Commander Decker, Chief Velez, and Senior Chief Dejean.

Marching alongside nearly 300 other units and 20,000 participants from across the country, 170 cadets demonstrated their commitment to service and community.

The mile-long parade route, from 26th St. up 5th Ave. to 47th St., featured over 150 vehicles, 25 floats, military units, veterans' organizations, and lively marching bands.

This year’s grand marshal, Medal of Honor recipient Dakota Meyer, a distinguished United States Marine who served in Afghanistan, led the celebration.

Spectators on both sides of the route applauded the cadets and their tribute to veterans. Battalion CO Olivia Pudelko expressed, “It was outstanding to see all the cadets squared away honoring the Veterans, especially those that were present.”

Superintendent Atiya Y. Perkins shared her pride, saying, “Seeing our NJROTC cadets march in the nation’s largest Veterans Day Parade fills me with immense pride. Their discipline, respect, and dedication reflect the very best of Linden Public Schools. We are honored to have students who uphold the legacy of service and remind us all of the sacrifices made by our veterans.”

Linden Public Schools proudly acknowledges the dedication of our NJROTC cadets and extends sincere gratitude to all veterans for their service and sacrifice.



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Linden's Blossoming Bowlers struck up some more fun as they engaged in fun activities with their family members at Jersey Lanes. This Special Needs bowling program was in collaboration with the Linden Police Department and funded by the NJ Department of Community Affairs ROID Grant. It consisted of

free music, food, treats, face painting, and Board of Health resources. This outing on October 26th was a great opportunity for families to be physically active and to make unforgettable memories.

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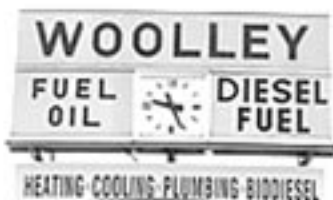
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This year's program, under the direction of Hillside teacher, Alissa Valiante, features Christmas music from the traditional to modern performed by great local talents. Audiences may also do some last minute Christmas shopping at the ECSJB Gift & Thrift Boutique!

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Donations: Adults \$8.00 / Seniors & Children \$7.00 / Ages 5 & Under Free. Take outs are available.

This event is open to the public, so come out and enjoy a home cooked breakfast, and support our veterans!

### Pancake Breakfast - December 28, 2024

Come one, come all to the VFW#1397 Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, December 28, 2024, for the VFW Post #1397, which will be held at the American Legion Post 102, located at 112 West Elizabeth Ave in Linden from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Donations: Adults \$7.00 / Seniors & Children \$6.00/ Ages 5 & Under Free. Take outs are available.

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(above, l-r) Captain Robert Sanchez – LPD, Lisa Barra – Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, Stephanie Cubala – LPD, Kyler Blakney – LPD, Tom Morgan – Phillips 66 Bayway Refinery, and Chief David Hart – LPD

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# LINDEN'S VETERANS DAY SERVICES

Submitted by Marlene Michalko, VFW Post 1397 Auxiliary President

Thank you to all that were in attendance as we visited all of the 17 Veterans Monuments throughout Linden on Veterans Day.

Special Thanks to the VFW #1397 Post members and auxiliary members, American Legion #102 Post, S.A.L., Honor Guard and auxiliary members, Catholic War Veterans, Martin Danowski Marine Corp, Polish American Legion Post 91, Mayor Armstead, Commissioner Joe Bodek, City Council Members and the citizens of Linden.

Thank you to Atiya Perkins, Superintendent of Schools for allowing the children of School

#1 to assist the Veterans this year.

As always we can always count on the Villani Bus Company for always sending a bus for us. Hector Torres you were the "best"

Thank You to Linden's Finest LPD for escorting us to each location.

Kudos to Carolyn for helping me by taking pictures.

The American Legion Post 102 for being the host again this year.

A special "Thank You" to Pumpkin who volunteered her services to make sure we had coffee and danish prior to placing of the wreaths and prepping and cooking all the food for us when we returned.



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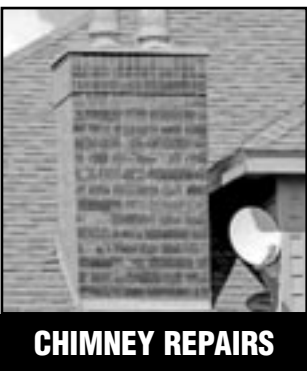
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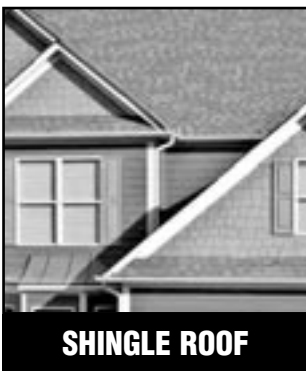
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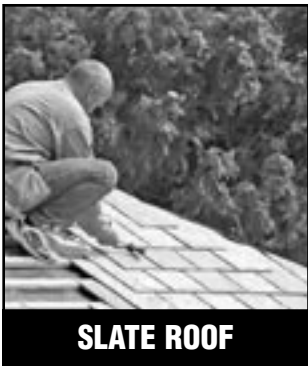
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## KIWANIS CLUB 9TH ANNUAL TASTE OF LINDEN

Kiwanis Club of Linden held the Annual Taste of Linden on November 12, 2024, at The Grand Banquet Hall in Linden. The evening was filled with local restaurants, supporting businesses, neighbors, some spirits and coffee too! Linden High School (LHS) ROTC cadets looked fantastic in their professional attire, led the Pledge of Allegiance, lent us helping hands, and showed their commitment to serving others. Stacy Stagich (Kiwanian) silenced the crowd and wowed us while she sang the Star Bangled Banner. Reverend Earl Taylor (Kiwanian) graced all with a prayer. Guests in attendance donated canned goods which will go to the Linden Interfaith Network for Community Services (LINCS) food bank.

Special thanks to The Grand Banquet Hall for creating a great atmosphere; especially Leo from T & L Catering. He served with his smile and stayed to the end. Mayor Armstead spoke proudly of the ROTC, Rebecca Kerins-Tattoli and thanked the Kiwanis Club of Linden for their positive community impact. Michael Murray, Kiwanis Lt. Governor, stressed how Kiwanis is an international organization that supports the youth, and he encouraged others to become members.

Special recognition was given to Rebecca

Kerins-Tattoli for her continued commitment to this event, and other events that benefit the community members of the city. The first Taste of Linden was done to raise money for those in Linden who were greatly affected by Hurricane Sandy. Rebecca has always been in the trenches, rolling up her sleeves and helping wherever she could. Thank you, Rebecca, as you will always be in the hearts of the Linden community. Thanks to Just in Time Chemicals for donating new Polos to the Kiwanis Club members and one was gifted to Rebecca. Great to see Union County Commissioner, Joe Bodek, Michele Yamakaitis, Linden Council President, and long-standing Kiwanis member, Giovanni Lavorato.

Local establishments shared their cuisine, smiles, time and staff. This year participants were III Amici Ristorante, Applebee's Grill & Bar, Chevy's Fresh Mex, Craven BBQ, Inspo Nutrition, It's So Delicious Ice Cream, Jersey Mike's Subs, Machichi Bakery & Café, Metro Liquors, Pinho's Bakery, Starbucks, and T&L/Leon's Catering.

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The 9th Kiwanis Club of Linden Taste of Linden truly was a success because of our community and fellow Kiwanians. After all was settled, I looked around, smiled, thinking what a great community gathering. Thank you! Thank you!! Thank you!!! June



(above) Linden High School ROTC volunteers.



(above, l-r) Al Volpe, Michael Murray – Kiwanis District Lt. Governor, John Gilbardi – Kiwanis District Lt. Governor, Stacey Stagich, Rev. Earl Thomas, Dolores Maslo, June Lazaro, Giovanni Lavorato, Anna Argote, Stella Tylicki, Martin Sleazak – Kiwanis District Governor, Michael N. Merlo

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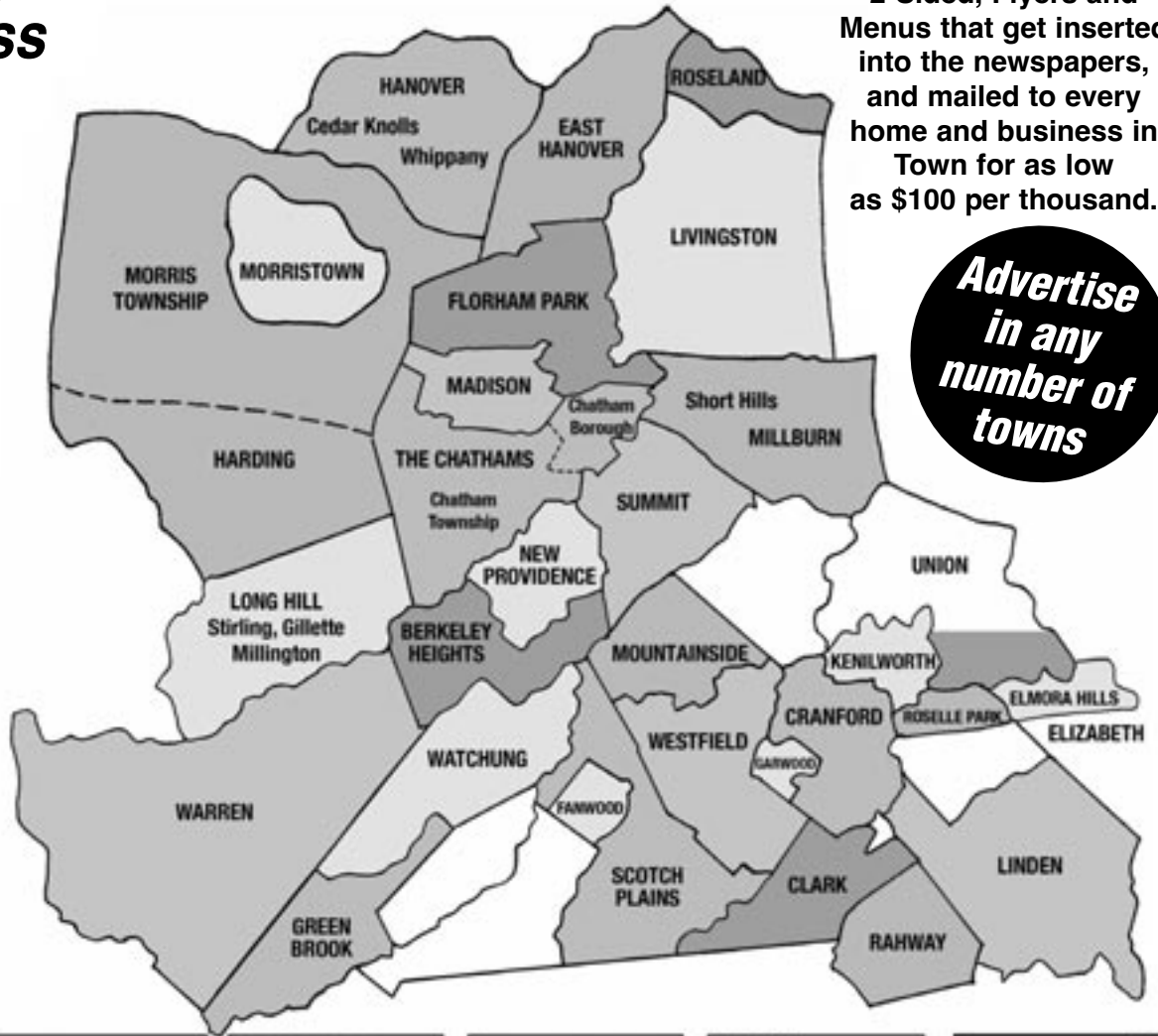
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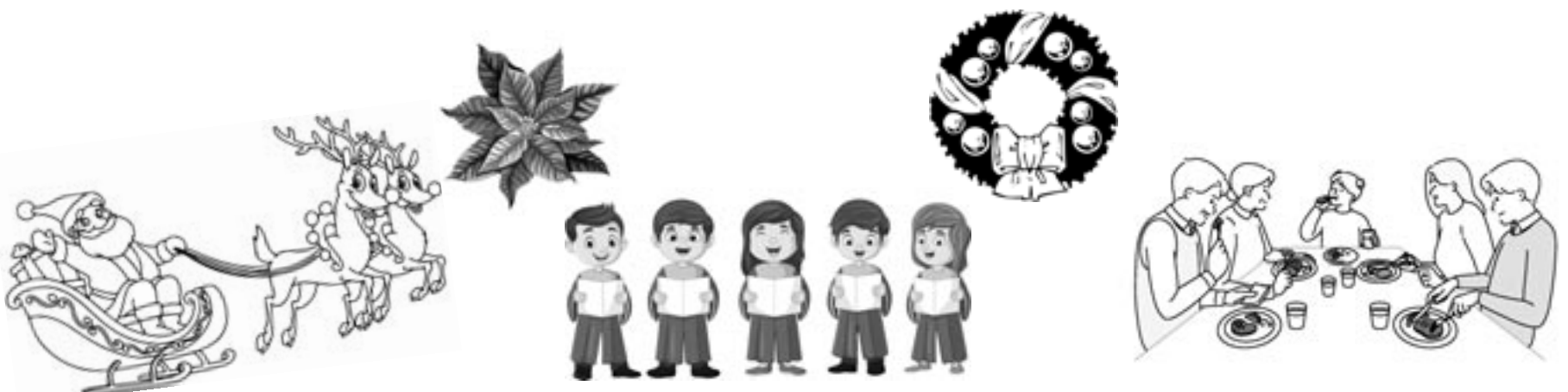
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