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Three Kings’ Visit Yonkers

The Yonkers Riverfront Library was packed last week with families waiting to welcome Sams, Mary, Joseph, Baby Jesus and the Three Kings – or Three Marys – Caspa Rubin, Barbara and Mela. The Happy Christmas celebration was spo- nsored by the Yonkers Dominican Cultural As- sociation of Yonkers, which collected toys from businesses and sponsors, who stepped up to give back to those who could use a gift under the tree this year.

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By Eric W. Schon

It’s time to change the 3 to an 8 right in the New Year 2018. Boy, how times fly when you are having fun. And this has been a busy year for me!

As I write this article, I have just left the wonderful Chaminade celebration at the YOM Chal Center in Yonkers City Hall sponsored by the Mayor’s Committee on Jewish Affairs, Chairman Mike Spano, YOM-WCP, the Family Service Society of Yom, and numerous other organizations.

I think, this is what my friends in America is all about. People of different backgrounds gather together to celebrate what makes this country so great. This is not something new in Yonkers — it has been like that for many years.

I remember when volunteers from the Jewish Community Center South Broadway would cross the street to St. Joseph’s Hospi
tal on Christmas Day. The volunteers would not only bring special gifts to those who spent Christmas at the hospital, unable to be home with their families due to health concerns, but “fill in” as best possible for those celebrating Christmas manning the information desk, bringing meals to patients and, of course, bringing Christmas cheer to the hospital — many of whom had no family to go to.

Every year when I think about JCC and Christmas and Easter visit to St. Joseph’s Hospital, I think of the tragic fire at JCC that took the lives of so many people — young and old — early in December 1965. Fifty-two years ago, family friends perished in the fire and so many were shattered. I remember my father crying when he heard the tragic news. I remember seeing many of whom had no family to go to. Many friends posted to the people of our community whose father was called upon to identify the deceased, as their bodies were many lives were shattered. I remember seeing with their families due to health concerns, but Christmas at the hospital, unable to be home together to celebrate what makes this fire in the history of the City of Yonkers. Christmas manning the information desk, bringing meals to patients and, of course, bringing Christmas cheer to the hospital — many of whom had no family to go to. Many friends posted to the people of our community whose father was called upon to identify the deceased, as their bodies were many lives were shattered. I remember seeing with their families due to health concerns, but Christmas at the hospital, unable to be home together to celebrate what makes this fire in the history of the City of Yonkers.

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L-R: County Legislator-Elect Christopher Johnson, County Executive-Elect George Latimer, Council President-Elect Mike Spano, and YOM Commissioner Eric Schon, during the celebration.

Some of the participants from the year-end YOM on the Move recognition event at City Hall, with Deputy Mayor Steve Levy.

“This event is becoming a growing tradi
tion in our city and it plays a significa
nt role in promoting a more active and healthy lifestyle for those of all ages,” said Levy, who took part in distributing attractive commemo
rative recognition certificates to successful participants. With diminish daylight winter’s day, the deputy mayor and YOM also encouraged residents, when outside, to wear something
bright and reflective.

The Yonkers WALK Challenge con
sists of three combined walk phases from April through Oct. 31. Everyone who resides, works or visits in Yonkers can take part
and take part. The YOM initiative is integra
tive, at cost, and promotes walking as a core resource to foster a more active and healthy lifestyle. While the WALK Challenge mile count does not start until April, YOM Com
mittee members any walker is a great time to set personal goals and, weather permitting, to continue to walk. For more information
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Younger Mayor Mike Spano and Deputy Mayor Steve Levy last recognized successful
YOM-Walk Challenge participants at City Hall. The Yonkers On the Move “make walking part of your day routine” campaign continues its signature Walk 2 Challenge Wyoming in conjunction with the YOM active lifestyle program.

The mayor thanked the participants and YOM committee for providing an activity and program that is contagious “and impers
aded to the reader, I do not do the same thing.” In fact he credited YOM and other collaborating
members for inspiring him to set an example and successfully adopt regular walk
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These attendees were pleased to learn from Deputy Mayor Levy that YOM Chal
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Each year the City of Yonkers Commission on Human Rights recognizes International Human Rights Day on or around Dec. 10, by joining with the Yonkers WTA and celebrating individuals from the community who have helped the commission move forward. This year, three people who have made strides for Yonkers were honored: Joann Trimmer, Hector Santiago, and Avel Pannen-Raynes.

Trimmer was an integral part in reviving the human rights essay contest in local schools and is a lifelong educator who is passionate about helping young people succeed. Santiago is a well-known community activist who not only created the “Beat and Shack” program, but is also trying to raise awareness for the important topic of mental health. Pannen-Raynes is a Yonkers Public Schools student who, through art and writing, teaches children about the dangers of bullying.

Dr. Ross MacDonald (New York City Health and Hospitals) and Shawyn Patterson-Howard (New York City Health and Hospitals) were speakers at the event. MacDonald has successfully incorporated mental wellness procedures into the schools that are inculcated; Howard discussed the need for more communication and understanding of health issues, specifically in Yonkers.

Congratulations are in order for the winners of the Human Rights Essay Contest: Ameya Pannen-Raynes of Yonkers H.S. and Naomi Joyce of Roosevelt H.S. There were also four honorable mentions: Novah Boyrie of YMA, Jacoba Compethe-Cruz of Roosevelt, Chloe Gjoka of Yonkers H.S., and Naum Joyce of Roosevelt.

This year’s topic was the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and how it applies to us during these times. The students wrote incredible essays that touched on issues both globally and locally.

The Yonkers Middle-High School concert choir, led by Avel Williams, provided entertainment for the event, and the mistress of ceremonies was the Rev. Margaret Coleman of the Messiah Baptist Church. The Yonkers Commission on Human Rights is a group of a dozen volunteer residents created in 1963, who strive to develop and successfully implement innovative human rights strategies that foster mutual respect and understanding among all groups of individuals throughout the community. The commission’s goals are two-fold: to create programs such as the essay contest and the upcoming “Hoops Against Hate” to promote unity in the city, and to make residents aware that it works in conjunction with the Human Rights Office, led by Executive Director Judith Garcia, which can help adjudicate cases of discrimination.

“Thank you to Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers City Council for their continued support,” said the commission. “Our liaison and former member, Councilman Michael Santini, is instrumental to our success. Our thanks also go out to the offices of Congressman Eliot Engel, Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Dawn Bartz, and all of the Yonkers Public School administrators and teachers.”
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Yanked's, who were trying to steal the donations for money paid for by homeowners paying their home bill have been rebuked. Earlier this year, Spano, Spano's attempts to get the governor to veto this Journal News about this so-called "slush fund" and these funds is now over. Front-page stories in the Yonkers and the Yonkers firefighters to continue to work with Steve and Kelly over the years grew out of donated toys at the time of his arrest), at least this "spook" or whether this was part of a larger plot.

Mike Spano had called for an investigation and authorization was not done by the governor. At the time of his arrest, Mike Spano was "to the point that he couldn't even bear to hear about them."

The message here is loud and clear: Felons will not be able to buy more than one box full of Toys for Tots is gone and cannot be replaced by vegetables and fresh fruit, but we're still going to eat the doped-up fish.

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Stewart-Cousins Makes Sure Angels’ Fly in Westchester

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins with “angels” who provided some holiday cheer to grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children whose parents are unable to care for them.

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins joined the Family Service Society of Yonkers, Family Ties, and the Gorton Community Garden Project to facilitate this year’s “Angel Project,” a program aimed at delivering presents to grandparents and other kinship caregivers raising children whose parents are unable to care for them.

More than 4,000 grandparents and other kinship caregivers in such situations live in Westchester County. Their circumstances are varied and complex, and many of them forge a basis to improve the lives of the children they care for. Stewart-Cousins said the “Angel Project” was launched to bring holiday cheer to the residents of these circumstances.

While several giving organizations bring presents to children during the holiday season, few give gifts to the grandparents and caregivers who nurture so much for their families.

Stewart-Cousins said gift drawings, or “angels,” and matching gifts with a campaign from the Family Service Society of Yonkers, Family Ties, and the Gorton Community Garden Project. More than 500 “angels” purchased items from these caregivers’ wish lists and distributed the gifts at a Dec. 18 party at the Center for the Urban River at Scalzi. Affairs.” Health Play purchased food and beverages for the event from Manor Bagel in Yonkers.

The holidays are a time of giving,” said Stewart-Cousins. “Every angel played an important role in a struggling family’s life this holiday season, and the caregivers will always remember this kindness.”

Castle Royale Donates to Mayor’s Toy & Coat Drive

Castle Royale thanked the mayor of Castle Royale, pictured above, for donating hundreds of winter hats and gloves to this year’s toy and coat drive. This year marks the sixth year that Spano has collected toys and coats for the fortunate residents and children through this initiative.

Hodder Farenga Donates Home Donates Toys to Kids’ Center

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The staff of Hodder Farenga Funeral Home on Main St., recently held a holiday toy and drive and collected dozens of presents to be placed under the Christmas tree at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Pediatric Center in Yonkers. The house included toys, learning books, coloring books, movies, and clothing for babies, children and teenagers.

The center provides top-quality services in Yonkers, including “superior training,” in which kids get help from masked crusaders to realize our therapy goals. The center’s mission statement states: “In the tradition of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we cherish all children and believe in the healing power of loving relationships. As a center of pediatric, rehabilitation and palliative care, we are inspired by her legacy as we join with families in the holistic care of their children.”

The Farenga family and their family of co-workers were overjoyed with the drive’s success and hopes it will inspire others to learn about the center and their dedication to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton’s legacy.

For more information on the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, visit Facebook or www.SetonPediatric.org.

PAL Holiday Carnival Tops Off Great Year

The Yorka Police Athletic League recently held its first holiday carnival, which included a visit from Mickey and Olaf from Disney. The year 2017 was a great year for the PAL, as new programs that have made the PAL an important part of Yonkers.

The Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council recently awarded Yonkers’ iconic Glenwood Power Plant a $1 million grant to help fund Phase II of the redevelopment of the former power station. Owned by The Goren Group, the Glenwood Power Plant is located on the banks of the Hudson River in Yonkers.

Economic development, job creation and investment are on track in Yonkers, and the adaptive reuse of the Glenwood Power Plant is a big component of our revitalization,” said Lord Mayor Mike Spano. “With the support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Economic Development Council, we can continue the progress of the last six years, growing our city, improving our economy and making Yonkers the best city in which to live, work and play.”

The Goren Group plans on preserving and renewing the iconic turn-of-the-century Glenwood Power Plant into a cultural destination and performance space for members of the Yonkers community and an international tourist destination. During this second phase of redevelopment, The Goren Group will continue to focus resources on infrastructure improvements, rebuilding the buildings on site to include the largest and most majestic of the three buildings, Turbine Hall.

“We are excited for the construction of the next phase of the ‘PowerHouse,’” thanks to New York’s Regional Economic Development Council, said Lord Mayor Gestes, founder/developer of The Goren Group. “PowerHouse is slated to be a historic restoration of the former coal-fired power plant, into an event complex for groups and people who create, innovate and inspire.”

Located between the Glenwood rail stations and the Hudson River in Yonkers, the Glenwood Power Plant was once the Yonkers Power Station of the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad. Built in 1907 to hold electrical generators to provide power for the electrification of the railroads, it was abandoned in the 1960s. Glenwood Power Plant will get a facelift thanks to $1 million state grant.

The Mayor’s Toy & Coat Drive is an annual event held each holiday season to give gifts to orphans. The drive is organized by the Mayor’s Office of Youth and Family Services and the Mayor’s Office of the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Larkin & Shepherd Thanked For Eight Years of Service

Friends, family and supporters of Councilmembers John Larkin and Donna Shepard gathered at Dunwoodie on Dec. 2 to thank both for their eight years of service to the residents of the sixth and fourth council districts.

Each councilman was presented with a proclama-

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