The Joy on the face of the 300 children of The Main Street Academy in Pakistan was clearly visible – all of them excited to have a new classroom in their school, thanks to the Rotary Club of Yonkers East Yonkers. Parents and students participated in a recent unveiling of a plaque naming the new “Roy Letsen Classroom.”

Members of the YMA Lady Eagles basketball team with coach Elie Moise.

By Phil Foley

We start our weekly Yonkers High School sports wrap-up with a story submitted by a member of the Yonkers Montessori Academy faculty.

The Lady Eagles of Yonkers Montessori Academy were a young group with four seniors – Captains Alexa Lopez, Megan Matos, Molly O’Reilly and Jada Garcia. The rest of the roster included three juniors, Ciara Walsh, Nashey Padilla and Tamia Hendrick; and the last freshmen were Mackayla Scarlett, and Vjollca Kastrati.

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"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

MLK Poetry Contest Winners Announced

Congratulations to the three winners of the Yonkers Martin Luther King Jr. Day poetry contest, which honors the life and legacy of one of the world's greatest activists for social change.

First-place winner Angelica Lopez-Tucker of Pearl River Friends School, seventh-grader Nanthaki Khan of Yonkers Middle/High School, and 11th-grader Kathy Camarero of Roosevelt High School were selected by Mayor Mike Spano as the contest's winners.

"This year's theme was "Hallowed Grounds Sites of the Civil Rights Movement" and asked Yonkers students to reflect on why it is important to preserve the memory of the locations – Montgomery, Selma and so many others – that helped change America. One student from each of the Yonkers elementary, middle and high schools submitted a poem.
Volunteer reporters and photographers wanted: If you are an aspiring journalist or photographer and want to see your name in print, contact us at risingmediagroup.com.

High school interns are also welcome for this summer.

Two Women Awarded By Alamo Drafthouse

The Alamo Drafthouse in Yonkers presented two “Hammer and Chisel Down” awards, created by Alamo in conjunction with the opening of Michael Moore’s new movie “Where to Invade Next,” on Feb. 12. Referring to social justice issues addressed by the film, these awards were designed to honor two distinguished individuals who, in their own unique and courageous way, “are making America a better place for all.”

These awards were presented in two of the categories examined in depth by Michael Moore:

In the category of education in low- and moderate-income areas, an award was given to Gail Baxter, chairperson of the Yonkers African-American Advisory Board and retired parent coordinator in the Yonkers Public Schools.

In the category of women’s rights, an award was given to Catherine Lederer-Plaskett, executive director of WCLA Choice Matters, an advocacy group for reproductive rights.

To learn more, visit http://drafthouse.com/yonkers.

The Yonkers Riverfront Gallery, located on the fourth floor of the Yonkers Public Library at 1 Larkin Plaza, will feature works by Clayton Calvert, Parker Calvert and Ricardo Arango through April 2, with an opening reception Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The show was curated by Haifa Bint-Kadi, director of the Riverfront Gallery. Each artist explores composition, color and subject matter in a different way.

Clayton Calvert’s paintings are indicative of the environments in which they are created. He often abstracts his subjects in an effort to capture the essential elements.

Clayton is a painter, sculptor and installation artist. His practice explores the relationship between representation and abstraction as he contemplates his subjects. He has lived in Rome studying art and architecture and has also studied with renowned painters Carlo Maria Mariani and John Foote. He uses the finest materials when creating his works and is a proponent of all kinds of mixed media. His paintings, sculptures and installations capture moments in time that are characteristic of his experiences.

Parker Calvert’s photographs document various aspects of New York City and combine an exploration into sources of light and how these lights interact with the city. He finds varying ways these can be captured as he creates his fantastic images. He is continuously fascinated by the ever-evolving skyline, and the city has changed drastically during his lifetime. The subjects at times are hardly recognizable because of Calvert’s deliberate camera movement, light manipulation and varying techniques.

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Meet Priscilla

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Priscilla is just about 10 months old and weighs 40 and 45 pounds. She arrived at the shelter as a stray six weeks ago when she was found tied up at a train station. She is very pretty, very nice. She likes dogs and was found tied up at a train station. She's not available for adoption.

Written testimony can be provided at the hearing, or in advance to Latimer or Mayer by e-mail latimer@nysenate.gov or MayerS@Assembly.state.ny.us, respectively. Remarks are limited to 4 minutes of presentation per person.

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President Donald Trump promises to cut regulations, cut taxes, and all those other fine words in the Constitution were the basis of his Constitution of the United States. The specific words in the Constitution do not consider a candidate for the court nomination by President Barack Obama; or candidate Donald Trump's possible appoint-ee, or candidate Hillary Clinton. It's simply shameful – the man's body isn't even in the ground and everyone in Washington from the president on down is talking about his replacement as if he's still alive. It's just disgraceful. Do you remember when Saturday night television was fun? Shows like “All in the Family,” kept our eyes glued to the bobbie tubes. Archie, Edith and the gang made us laugh and laugh as much for the way they were written as for anything else. Why is it that every time there is a problem or crisis, our leaders call for a task force or a “czar” to handle it? Why is it that every time a snow storm or a task force or a “czar” to handle it?

Stay indoors. Check on vulnerable relatives, neighbors and friends. Take care of those who need care, including Medicaid.

The event is open to the community and any person or organization that wishes to present is invited to participate.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter is located at 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Call 718-324-4332 to learn more about the shelter or visit yonkersanimalshelter.org.

Do you remember ANGELA DOLAN? Miss Dolan was born in County Farmaghn, Ireland, in 1918. She emigrated to Yorks in 1949 and may have worked at DOA's 700-502 Central Park Ave, Yonkers. If you have any recollections or photos of Angela, please contact Zoe McCaw at zmccaw01@qub.ac.uk or 31 Colenso Court, 2-18 Colenso Parade, O'Dare's restaurant on 602 Central Park Avenue. Please contact Zoe McCaw at zmccaw01@qub.ac.uk or 31 Colenso Court, 2-18 Colenso Parade, O'Dare's restaurant on 602 Central Park Avenue.

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The Zika Virus: What You Need to Know

Dr. Peter Bariky, chief of infectious disease research at St. John’s Riverside Hospital, will present an information session on the Zika virus to address concerns in the community Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at John Riverwoods Hospital, Andrus Pavilion, Room 304, New Rochelle.

The Center for Disease Control has released information about what we currently know, and don’t know, about the Zika virus.

Zika can be spread from a mother to her fetus during pregnancy, and infection during pregnancies may be linked to birth defects in babies. The virus is also spread mostly by the bite of an infected Aedes species mosquito. Zika is not currently found in the U.S., although the mosquito that carry Zika are found in some areas of North America.

Because the mosquitoes that spread Zika virus are found in the tropics, outbreaks will likely continue, and there is no vaccine or medicine for Zika.

Doctors and researchers do not yet know how likely it is those who travel to an affected area and are bitten by a mosquito will contract Zika, or how likely it is that an infected patient’s fetus will have birth defects.

Riverside High School senior Bryan Diaz received a happy surprise last month when representatives from Watermark for Kids from The Fountain at RiverVue presented him with a laptop computer.

“His guidance counselor, Scott Silverman, had applied to Watermark for Kids on Diaz’ behalf, knowing that the college-bound student would benefit from having a laptop of their own,” Watermark for Kids approved the application, and just like Diaz, became Westchester County’s newest Watermark Kids recipient.

Diaz, along with his mother and brother, were all surprised to receive the counselor’s e-mail, where Christine Nazzaro and Stephanie Walters presented the laptop to Diaz.

“We couldn’t believe it,” said Nazzaro. “He was crying and the counselor was even a bit teary eyed. It was a very emotional moment.”

Watermark for Kids is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to help deserving kids thence. Funds are raised through payroll deductions, bake sales and other fundraising projects spearheaded by residents and associates of 37 Watermark retirement communities nationwide, including The Fountain at River Vue in Tuckahoe. In return, Watermark Kids are asked to “pay it forward” by monitoring others and sharing something about their experience with their community.

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Women's History Program at Sarah Lawrence College

The graduate program in women’s and gender studies is Johnson scholarship recipient, 2015. Receive the 17th annual conference on women’s studies at Sarah Lawrence College. From the Struggle for Social Justice, on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26-27, at the New Washington Hotel. For more information on the Women's Historical Society, Sherwood Hall. www.s2si.org, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stsi. For information on membership, call 914-969-4040 or email stsi@optonline.net.

Sister to Sister Knits Off Black History Month

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood Hall. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com. Founded in 1994, Sister to Sister International, Inc., is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that links women of African origin to the resources of the Vatican, with his highest profile assignment being a consultant to the U.S. chief of counsel at the Nuremberg Trials. A vigorous anti-Communist, he allegedly was the person who suggested that McCarthy use the issue of patriotism.
The Family Health Center is a place where people go to receive their own healthcare. People can come to see a doctor, nurse, or other health care provider. They can also come to get a checkup or to talk about their health. The center is located in Yonkers, New York, and serves people who live in the area. The center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. People can make an appointment by calling their local health department or by going to the center and seeing a doctor. The center is free to use and does not charge for services. The Family Health Center is a part of the Yonkers Public Schools, and is funded by the government.
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Some of the Islamic Center’s founding members are St. John’s, two other churches are in the neighborhood, including the St. Gregory Orthodox Church across the street from the property. The Islamic Center’s board of directors, and the community, believe that the mosque will provide a place for residents to worship and live alone, please check on them, ” said Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino. “During this cold weather, everyone should be very cautious when traveling outdoors. Wear lots of layers and avoid bare skin. Insulated, non-elastic gloves are effective in protecting hands from frostbite and hypothermia. The hands are the first body part to become frostbitten and hypothermia.

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Justice Antonin Scalia: He Had ‘New York Values’

I’m an Italian from Queens! He Would Say

By Dan Murphy

In 1950, he was just 14. And he had just moved to New York City from Italy.

But, he was not the only one.

In 1950, the United States was faced with a new wave of immigrants. The Korean War had just ended, and many people were looking for a better life in the United States. So, he was just one of many who were looking for a better life. He was just one of many who were looking for a better life in the United States.

It was a time of change. A time when the United States was becoming a more diverse nation. A time when the United States was becoming a more diverse nation.

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Elementary School Winner – Angelica Lopez-Tucker

We were discriminated against for the color of our skin Because we looked different, what was the purpose? Slavery, murder, abuse, segregation, and inequality Until, until, we had enough! Until, we came together. Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Malcolm X, And many, many more … The grounds they marched on The bombings caused, just because Others thought we were different It was thought that we were inferior It was thought that we didn’t deserve equality and liberty The historic hallowed grounds are And forever must be important. And forever must be never changing. And forever must be cherished and honored. And forever must be a reminder of having hope, Staying strong, being faithful And recognizing the struggles and triumphs Of the Civil Rights Movement And of how we have hopefully evolved. We must preserve the memory Of the Civil Rights Movement’s hallowed grounds And from our history we must learn from the past And pave the way to create a better future for all I, a child of Latino, African-American And Native American descent Hope for a better future Based on respect, unity, equality and justice Across the American landscape and beyond For all generations to come.

Minority Businesses Can ‘Leap Toward Success’

Westchester-based minority- and women-owned businesses will have a unique opportunity to learn how to do business with Westchester County and construction company C.W. Brown/LeChase at the 2016 Leap Toward Success With Us event on Monday, Feb. 29 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Mercy College, 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, in the main hall building lecture hall. There will be networking sessions from 8 to 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 to 11 a.m. Why are we very pleased to present this important program where minority- and women-owned businesses can connect with one of the largest construction companies in the region,” said Westchester County Executive Robert Astorino. “The continued success of our small businesses is key to Westchester’s economic growth.”

Based in Armonk, C.W. Brown/LeChase is one of the region’s premier construction companies with projects throughout the Hudson Valley, Manhattan, Albany, Binghamton, Connecticut and New Jersey. Executives who will be presenting at the program include Tom Porcino, president and general counsel; Michelle Keller, director of risk management and MWBE outreach coordinator; and Merry Jackson, corporate MWBE outreach coordinator.

Presenters from the county will include George Oros, advisor to the county executive. Staff George Oros; and Michael Lawler, senior rate MWBE outreach coordinator.

To register for the program, contact Ross Weiner at rweiner@risingmediagroup.com or 914-995-2945.

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MLK Poetry

From Rosa to Martin
Helping earn one right at a time
From Montgomery to Washington
Peaceful protesting was at its prime
Marching in Selma
Marching in D.C.
All contributed to the liberties we have so easily

From Southerners to Northerners
From Black to Whites
We all united as one
To end segregation
To end the one thing separating our country
We are one country
We act as two!

These are the grounds
Which contribute to modern life
All resulting from strong individuals
Taking a stand
On these hallowed grounds

Middle School Winner – Mantasha Khan ‘We Are Still Equal’

White and black, was all there was Pale and dark was how they judged No one tried to look within No one checked beneath the skin

Was there really some difference because of their race? Why were the blacks, mistreated, misplaced? A skin color does not define a person But, the whites just wanted to conflict to worsen

If I were black, would you make me a slave? If I were Chicano, would you exploit me and throw me away? If I were Asian, would you discriminate me? Everyone is equal, but they just couldn’t see…

Does it make a difference if I’m a woman or a man? Does it make a difference if I’m black or I’m tan? Does it make a difference, if I believe in a diverse religion? Or what if… I follow an uncommon tradition?

Would you judge me if I wore a scarf on my head? Would you judge me if I had a cross around my neck, instead? It’s not about how you look, or in whom you believe…

It’s not even about, how much in life you achieve I know we’re all contrasting in some way or another But, that does not give us the right to evaluate the other Yeah, we’re not identical. But that’s our characteristics and physique.

Yeah, we don’t think the same.
But, that’s what makes us unique.
We’re all varying, in our thoughts, looks, and ambitions, But, we are still equal, no matter what gender, race, or religion.

High School Winner – Kayla Casanova

From D.C. to Alabama
It all took place
There are the grounds
On which we were finally recognized as a race

From Rosa to Martin
Helping earn one right at a time
From Montgomery to Washington
Peaceful protesting was at its prime
Marching in Selma
Marching in D.C.
All contributed to the liberties we have so easily

From Southerners to Northerners
From Black to Whites
We all united as one
To end segregation
To end the one thing separating our country
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Yonkers Police Officers Promoted

The following members of the department were previously designated as detectives and were recognized at the ceremony: Darryl Benjam-in, Jacqueline Essevitz and Robert McLaugh- lin.

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