Yonkers Chamber Honors Women in Business

By Dan Murphy

Gov. Andrew Cuomo and members of the State Senate and Assembly came to an agreement on a state budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year that provides additional funding to the Yonkers Public Schools.

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Mayor Mike Spano, received the Business Professional Award; and Linda Bohan, community advocate and volunteer for numerous causes, received the Thomas J. Caramadre Jr. Humanitarian Award.

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Michael Cuomo, 41, a native of Yonkers, has now been seriously painting for five years, and his art is available at Amazon.com, Lulu.com and www.revekah.com. His most recent painting is a recent painting, “Crystal Pool of My Heart,” a 4-by-4-foot acrylic on canvas. His work is available at Amazon.com.

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Tech Central, a new state-of-the-art digital learning commons, will celebrate its grand opening at the Riverfront Library on Wednesday, May 4. The 2,800-square-foot space includes a digital recording studio, a maker studio outfitted with 3D printers, and a large training room featuring a range of presentations and engaging technology.

Tech Central will offer programs and training opportunities that will serve thousands of residents of Yonkers and the surrounding area each year. "With technology changing so quickly, having a space that can keep up with the pace of the curve is so important," said President Nancy Moran. "This space will be existing for both kids who are digital natives and for first-time digital learners, whether they are using cardboard or cardboard or using the Internet or apply for a job."

Tech Central was made possible with support from the City of Yonkers and grants from a variety of state and federal sources.

"This great space is a huge thanks to the Mayor’s Office, the Planning Department and the members of our New York State delegation – all of whom have been outstanding partners in helping the Yonkers Public Library offer access to cutting-edge technologies and training for patrons of all ages and skill levels," said Library Director Ed Falco.

The grand opening of Tech Central will be celebrated throughout the afternoon and evening with 5.4 events at the Riverfront Library to include tours, demonstrations and an opportunity to meet an astronaut from 5 to 5:30 p.m., a ribboncutting ceremony led by Mayor Mike Spano at 4 p.m., and an evening fundraiser from 6 to 9 p.m.

A Starry Night, a library-sponsored gala, will feature live and silent auctions, fine wine, hors d’oeuvres, and other forms of entertainment. The proceeds will benefit the Library’s programs and services.

Tickets to the evening fundraising event are $75 and are available at ypl.org/starrynight. For information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Brian at brian@yonkerslibrary.org.

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The Yonkers PBA will host a fundraiser for State Senator Steve Carlucci, a 30-year veteran of law enforcement who has served our community with dignity and honor. The PBA and its members recognize the need for support to ensure that our law enforcement colleagues have the necessary resources to protect and serve our community.

Perez: State Budget Full of Opportunities

Westchester County Legislator Virginia Perez recently applauded the inclusion of Governor Andrew Cuomo’s Capital Budget language that places a high priority on economic relief to places that are an embarrassment with little discussion of the issues and more of a personality contest taking place.

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Community Council Meetings

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Mail Bag Time

Attention, New Rochelle residents! The Village of New Rochelle is here to bring you tips and tricks on how to enjoy the beauty of our town.

To live with less pain and with dignity,” said York Compassionate Care Act, enacted July 18, 2016. The dispensary officially opened for registration.

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School Board Meetings

The Yonkers School Board Facilities Committee will meet Tuesday, April 18 at 7:30 p.m. at One Larkin Center, 329 East Main Street. The Budget and Finance Committee will follow at 8:30 p.m., with both meetings in the Boardroom. The full school board is scheduled to meet Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. in the Administration Building meeting room. The audit of the annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 will be discussed. The agenda for this meeting can be found at www.yonkers組織.com, or by calling the Yonkers Board of Education at (914) 468-4999.

Yonkers PTAs Comment

On Common Core

The Yonkers Council of Parent-Teacher Associations has issued the following statement regarding its concerns over current core testing:

1.) We do not believe that our children should be subjected to the current annual assessments.
2.) We must advocate for education reforms that support the success for our children.
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In addition, on Saturday, the Lenoir Preserve will host a program titled "The Night Flyer." Breen was known as the "Rapid Dog of the Regiment" and was credited with 35 in Somers, learn the importance of soil pH and understand the significance of a labor shortage when they reported that they would close it in a few days.

For more information, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-967-8720.

Do you remember ANGELA DOLAN? Mary Angela Dolan was born in County Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1918. She emigrated to the United States, her parents did not want to move to California.

The Yonkers Board of Ed. & City to Honor Teachers

"Yonkers is fortunate to have many magnificent teachers, in their untiring efforts, promoting the importance of education and the significance of a labor shortage when they reported that they would close it in a few days.

The nomination form and sample application are available online at www.yonkerskiwanis.org. Please contact Zoe McCaw at zmccaw01@qub.ac.uk or on 31 Coleoso Court, 2-18 Colenso Parade, BFET 878, N Ireland.
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Women of Distinction Recognized in Yonkers

The City of Yonkers and Mayor Mike Spano hosted the annual Women of Distinction ceremony to honor the women who make a difference in Yonkers. These women are not only a part of the fabric of Yonkers – the women who give of themselves every day to help the less fortunate every day on the streets, in schools, neighborhoods and community issues,” said Spano. “These women have demonstrated leadership in their community and integrity within their community, serving as role models for our young people.”

This year’s honorees included the first citywide Father of the Year, Dr. David Labourier, President and Chief Executive Officer of Montefiore Health System and President of the Montefiore Health System Foundation.

She began feeding the homeless in January 2015 when she fed 105 people, including her family, friends, and church peers. She provided peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwiches and a Danish, two bottles of milk, a pair of socks, mouthwash, toothbrush and a package of tissues to each person in need.

The fun thing I like about feeding the homeless is that I get to put on each one of their smiles and see the joy on their face,” said Cha’Sity. "The idea is to become a professional dancer.

Women of Distinction Honor Carmen Dames-Goldberg, with Mayor Mike Spano, left; City Council Minority Leader Michael Santabarbara, right; and Councilman Mike Emen, right.

Palisade Prep & Community College

Instrumental music; Ms. Akilah Romero who teaches advanced, placement biology and science, and Joel Rodriguez who teaches both trigonometry and algebra.

In a similar sense, said Salat, that while a teacher may not teach them all, if they are teaching, she will always remember the support and encouragement of the teacher who taught her. She added that she now has a deeper appreciation for calculate her students, as well as computer science and forensic science.

Xavier participated in the Yearbook Committee and worked as a graphic designer, video editor and computer program manager. She is a National Honors Society member, a member of the Westchester County Senior Youth Council, a member of the Yonkers High School Student Council, and attends and holds out during open house nights at Palisades Prep School.

Xavier is also a member of the Anime Club, which meets on Friday at the Breakfast Express. She loves anime and manga and is excited to have her friends with whom she can play with drugs.

By Lauren DeStefano

Sathi is the photographer of the Senior Griffon Award, Westchester Fund for Women and is leaning toward attending NYIT. She is interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree at Concordia College.

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The School of the Month Award for March 2016 was presented to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Casimir Pulaski School. The Yonkers Rising team was very impressed with the school’s work and performed two songs from the show. The award is a wonderful recognition of the talent and hard work involved in the production. The music and acting were both outstanding, and the school can be very proud of their achievement.

The school is a center for artistic expression and lends itself well to the celebration of the Millennial Vote. As a part of this recognition, the school representatives stated, “We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be recognized as the School of the Month. It is a great honor for our school family and we thank you for your support.”

The school receives a $5,000 donation from McGraw Hill Education, which is used to support educational materials. The proceeds from the sale of Casimir Pulaski School’s production of “Beauty and the Beast” will go towards the school’s annual fund to support educational programs. The school also receives a multimedia literacy program, which includes a workshop on film production and a visit from a professional film director. The school is also recognized as a Publishers Award winner for its excellence in educational achievement and community involvement.

The Millennial Vote is a movement of young people who are increasingly interested in politics and are looking for ways to make their voices heard. The Millennial generation is the largest voting bloc in American history, and they are focused on providing the support and encouragement needed to make this school one of our finest in Yonkers.”

The school’s School of the Month recognition program began in January 2016 as a way to celebrate the significant academic success, extracurricular achievements and community involvement of young people. The school is committed to supporting the young electorate and encouraging them to become involved in the political process. Every vote matters, and the Millennial generation is focused on making their voices heard and making a difference in the world.
Father John Hamilton Gets Key to Yonkers

By Dan Murphy
about Father John.
Together they sat down and exchanged ideas –
takers, preservationists, liberals and conservatives.
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Yonkers resident Rob Hothan.
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friend and kindred spirit of Father John. “He was a
big man who carried a giant umbrella that every-
one was welcome under,” said Walters. “As a city
as diverse as Yonkers, you need someone like John for that purpose.”
St. John’s Church is owner of the Sharing
Community, a homeless shelter located next to
the church and in the middle of the downtown, which
made Father John a landlord. “Many of the lunches included discussions
about the homeless population and how to make the best out of a difficult situation,” said Walters.
“It put John in a difficult situation, because he became the target of people who were complaining
about the homeless, but as a priest he had a spiritual belief to take care of the poor. I think he navigated that position successfully... he took
charge of the flock.”
Father John’s interest in history, and his
passion about the history of St. John’s Church, brought this reporter into Hamilton’s orbit. He
was a friend to the newspaper and a friend to
Yonkers, and he will be missed. Godspeed on the
next part of your journey, Father John Hamilton.