

13th Annual

Community Service Awards

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friend,

First of all I would like to thank you for attending this, the 13th Annual Community Awards Dinner. When I first moved to Teaneck some 40 years ago, I moved here with my family and like many I was a "resident" of Teaneck. I went about my regular routines. Slowly I got involved with one organization... met some folks... got involved with another group that tied in with the first group and met even more folks... slowly I got involved with quite a few organizations and met so many folks. And you know what, each and every activity mean so much, so much so that I did not see Teaneck as a town in which I resided, rather a town in which I live, a town in which I pay taxes (yes) this is a sore issue to many, but to me, it is a privilege, first, while I find it difficult and could complain, I don't as when I see our community and compare it to where I had lived in Queens, NY, I take pride and take personal ownership in my community in what it has and the potential that it could be. My only regret, why did I wait so long! Until you really become involved in the community, you really cannot complain or expect things to happen or even change. Our community offers so many opportunities for individuals to be involved, everyone from our students to our seniors.

While every year we have honorees, it is really an excuse to get you to come out as well and as a way of honoring you, as it is you that helped to get the folks we are honoring today to be formally recognized and it is through your support of them that they are where they are. Your community involvement, you the wind beneath their wings. THANK YOU.

Each year the Community Awards committee faces many challenges as most such committees do. How do you make it better than the year before? So I want to thank the committee for the hard work that went into this year's event, to our event's sponsors, the different volunteers and businesses that have contributed to making this year's event another success. All names may be found in this journal.

In closing, to really make our goals (The Teaneck Chamber of Commerce) a success for the community in which we serve is for us to all work together in supporting our business community, our various organizations, the resources we have available within our community from our many historical sites, outdoor & recreational activities and cultural events. Invest in your community, after all, it is our home.

Thanks to my fellow officers and board members: Jenny, Yolanda, Allen, Patrick, Joel, Emin, Handan, Grace, Garry and Fernando.

Thank you for sharing your evening with us.

With best wishes, alle Larry Bayer

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. -Henry Ford



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Teaneck Chamber of Commerce

Mission Statement

The founders of the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce were aware that an organization of this type is only as strong as the combined voice of its members. To maximize the Chamber's influence, we actively seek the participation of every potential member, business owner, professional, services, non-profits and home based business. As well as reach out to the Township and community at large.

The Teaneck Chamber of Commerce are the eyes, the ears and the voice of Teaneck's business, professional and industrial community.

Purpose

To represent the business community of Teaneck in an ongoing effort to maintain and expand the business environment.

To act for and on behalf of the business community of Teaneck municipal affairs representing the common interests of the business people in Teaneck.

To favor legislation that is in the best interest of the business community at the municipal, county, state and national levels and to oppose legislation that is not.

To take whatever steps are deemed necessary to portray Teaneck as an attractive community that serves the needs of the business community as well as it's residents.

To organize and sponsor events or promotions to benefit the various businesses, not-for-profit community organizations and professions in Teaneck and to give new businesses the opportunity to establish relationships with colleagues in the community.

To welcome new residents to Teaneck and to acquaint them with the business and professional advantages of their new community and to help ease their transition into the community.

To promote integrity and good faith, just and equitable principles in business and professional activity and to acquire, preserve and distribute civic, social, commercial and economic statistics and information of value on behalf of the Teaneck business and professional community.



Community Service Awards Dinner

October 30, 2014

Marriott - Glenpointe • Teaneck, New Jersey

PROGRAM

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance/National Anthem

Township of Teaneck Honorable Lizette Parker, Mayor

Invocation

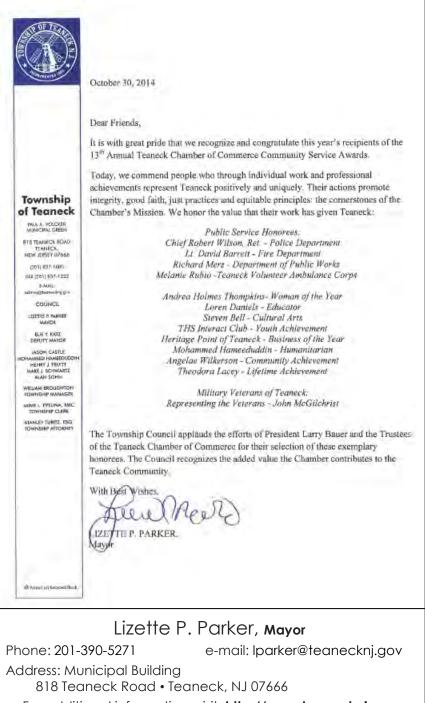
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Conclusion



David Barrett Captain, Teaneck Fire Department

The Teaneck Fire Department is proud to congratulate Lieutenant David Barrett on receiving the Chamber Of Commerce award.



Lieutenant David Barrett is a 19 year veteran of the Teaneck Fire Department. He is currently assigned to the Fourth Platoon, Fire Station 3. He attended Teaneck public schools from Bryant all the way through and including Teaneck High School. He graduated from FDU-Teaneck. His parents still reside in Teaneck in the house he grew up in.

David has served in many capacities in the Fire Department. He has served as Administrative Officer for stations 2, 3& 4.

In approximately 1997, then Firefighter Barrett began working on the Good Morning Wakeup program. He took charge of the program in 2000. Lt. Barrett embraced his responsibility and increased the screening the Fire Department provided due to his EMT training. He later added home safety checks for the seniors and kept in contact with the relatives of the program members. Following that, he added smoke detector installation for the program members and provides guidance when new replacement equipment is ordered. Lt. Barrett has conducted interviews, screened families for need and made connections for those needing additional assistance. It should be noted that over the past few years extensive effort was made by Lt. Barrett to assist two elderly residents who needed more assistance than the program could offer. He assisted with the implementation of the program and continues to manage the program, mentoring younger firefighters to assist him. His concern and drive to assist this sometime forgotten residents of the Township makes us very proud of him.

Lt. Barrett has also always been active in union issues. He is Vice President of the Fire Officers Union, a position he has held for 5 years.

David is married to Lara and they have a daughter, Kate. 🖘

FIRE DEPARTMENT Anthony Verley, Fire Chief

Phone: Non-emergency: 201-808-8080 To report a fire: **9-1-1** or 201-837-7783

Address:

Fire Headquarters

1231 Teaneck Road • Teaneck, NJ 07666

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Robert A. Wilson

Chief, Retired, Teaneck Police Department



Robert A. Wilson was appointed Police Chief of the Teaneck Police Department in July 2008. Chief Wilson has spent the past 30 years in the Teaneck Police Department, serving in all divisions of the organization. During his tenure with Teaneck, Wilson has served in al supervisory ranks. He was appointed as a Police Officer in 1984, promoted to the rank of Police Sergeant in 1992, Police Lieutenant in 1995, Police Captain in 2003, and Chief in 2008. In his various assignments within the department, he served as a D.A.R.E. Officer, Bias Investigation Officer, Detective Sergeant, Community Policing Bureau Commander, and Captain of the Service and Operations Bureaus.

As the Chief Executive Officer, he commanded one of the largest Police Departments in Bergen County with 96 sworn officers ad 18 civilian employees. His experience as a senior government leader with diversified

experience through a progressive career was marked by increased responsibility and parallel commensurate accomplishments. He displayed a strong combination of experience in administration, strategic nd tactical police functions. Chief Wilson was instrumental in the Teaneck Police Department receiving National Recognition from The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and Accreditation through the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief Wilson served as one of the Township's Deputy OEM Coordinators and on the Planning Board. Bob was very active within the community and maintained an open door philosophy. He promoted KAPOW (Kids and the Power of Work) and took part in a number of school related programs. He participated in Citizen Police Academies, National Night Outs, and many other community and civic oriented functions and events. Over the course of his career he has received a number of commendations and letters of recognition.

Wilson, a Teaneck High School graduate, joined the Teaneck Police Department in 1984 at the age of 19 after receiving an A.A.S. Degree from Bergen Community College. Chief Wilson holds a BS Degree from Jersey City State College and a Masters Degree in Public Administration from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the New Jersey State Chiefs of Police west Point Command and Leadership Program as well as graduating from the State of New Jersey's Certified Public Manager Program. He is also a Board Certified Protection Professional.

Chief Robert A. Wilson retired on September 1, 2014, after three decades of "protecting and serving" the Township of Teaneck. \checkmark

POLICE DEPARTMENT Robert A. Carney, Acting Chief of Police

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Richard Merz

Department of Public Works



Rick began working for the township in 1981 in the garage division as a Mechanic. In 1987, Rick was promoted to Assistant Supervising Mechanic where he was responsible for the preventive and corrective maintenance of the Police and Fire vehicles. In 1992, Rick was promoted to Supervising Mechanic and was responsible for supervising all staff within the garage division along with ensuring the repairs of all township owned vehicles.

In 2008 Rick was promoted to his current title,

Manager of Motors. Rick is responsible for the daily repairs of all Township owned vehicles, prepares yearly budgets for his division, and prepares bid specs on new vehicles. To this day, Rick continues to provide 33 plus years of dedicated service to the township.

Rick also instituted the use of waste cooking oil turning it into bio-diesel and using it in some of the Township vehicles. Bio-diesel is a process of taking waste cooking oil taken from some town businesses, cleaning it, and mixing the used oil with diesel fuel. It burns cleaner, cheaper and is better for your diesel vehicle. Saving the Township 8-12 thousand dollars per year.

Rick also heads the Public Works safety committee which is very important to the well being of the town's employees.

Rick along with his brother Charles who retired from the township in 2012 are second generation township employees. Their father Dave was the Superintendent of Public Works and retired from that position in 1991. In fact, the Merz family has a third generation family member working in DPW. Rick's son Rick Jr is currently an Assistant Supervisor in the Road Division.

Rick married to his lovely wife of 32 years Idina, who both grew up in Teaneck and went through the Teaneck school system. He has a daughter Kaitlyn. Rick also has a grandson who is 6 years old and a newly born granddaughter. <

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC WORKS Fran Wilson, Director

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Melanie Rubio

Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps (TVAC)



Melanie Rubio joined Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps in the summer of 2011 as a way to learn more about the medical field. Melanie plans to be an ER nurse one day, but first is finishing her legal studies degree at William Paterson University of New Jersey. Melanie has volunteered at many different organizations through school and church, but the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps is the longest one she has been a part of and her favorite to participate in. She did not realize that in joining this organization, she would fall in love with thrill of being an EMT.

In addition to helping the residents of Teaneck, Melanie was voted in January 2014 as 1st Lieutenant of Personnel. With this responsibility, Melanie is consistently trying to find ways to

improve staffing at the building, to minimize response time for the patients. Along with day to day operations, she maintains the memberships status, information and ensures the members are up to date with their information.

Along with Lieutenant duties, Melanie was chairwoman of the 75th Anniversary Gala that occurred on August 14th, 2014 and was able to raise money to assist the Ambulance Corps in expenses and to celebrate 75 years of volunteer service. She has been a crew chief, teaching new members and part of the Recruiting and Probationary Training Committees as well.

Melanie also received the Valor Award in 2014, the valor award is the highest level of honor a first responder can receive. Another award Melanie has received was for CPR, members get awarded when they are able to get a heart beat back from patients who go into cardiac arrest.

Melanie was the number 3 responder for 2013, and currently is holding top 10 responder for 2014. She loves TVAC, being a volunteer EMT is a big love of hers and plans to continue forever to help patients. Melanie says, "Sometimes I have patients that I can't do anything more than to hold their hand, and these patients are so grateful, and constantly thanking me on the way to the hospital. I don't get paid to do this and I have no complaints because it is so rewarding to be the first person to help them, calm them down and to ensure they are safe in my hands".

The Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corps is lucky to have Melanie Rubio. She brings us pride in everything she has done for the corps. \ll

TEANECK VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS (TVAC)

Phone: (201) 837-2600 (This is the Teaneck Police Dept. phone number. Simply ask for TVAC) - EMERGENCY call 9-1-1

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Andrea Holmes Tompkins

Woman of the Year



Andrea Holmes Thompkins, a mother, a wife, a giver, a sharer, an entrepreneur enjoying life, is President and CEO of ACE Media Corp. Andrea's Communication's Empire. Founded in 2003, is a broadcast

media sales, marketing and entertainment rep firm, with primary emphasis on ethnically diverse product & properties.

ACE a certified, Minority Owned Business Enterprise, specializes in branded entertainment, marketing/sales and promotions beyond the traditional, commercial unit sale. ACE, produces commercial content, branded interstitials for television, program and movies. Talent acquisition is an additional service provided.

A 30 year Media Sales & Marketing veteran, Andrea, is responsible for some of the most lucrative advertising sponsorships and campaigns. Combining her interests in fashion, music and sports, concepts have been executed in the highest rated programs in television history, including the Super Bowl, the World Series, the NBA, the NHL, American Idol, Emmy Awards, etc. Her roster of "A" list clients have included the top advertisers in all media, including; American Express, AOL, Burger King, BMW, Chase, Coca Cola, Chrysler, Ford, Kraft, Lincoln Mercury, Mastercard, McDonalds, Mercedes, Nike, Pepsi, P&G, Toys R US, Toyota, Twentieth Century Fox, Visa, to name a few.

Her travels have taken her all over the world, including 2013 Nelson Mandela Memorial Service & Funeral in South Africa, the Olympics, World Cup Brazil & South Africa, the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony for President Barack Obama in Oslow, Norway 2010, The ADMA (Association for Data-driven Marketing & Advertising) conference in Australia and six continents over the world.

ACE currently represents, NBCUniversal networks, BRAVO, OXYGEN, SYFY, USA, E !, MSNBC and

ESQUIRE. Offerings also include, Debmar-Mercury and THE WENDY WILLIAMS show, marketing integrations. The SOURCE Magazine & THE Shadow League Digital Property. *ACE* previously represented Turner Entertainment Networks, TBS, TNT and truTV, multicultural sales and marketing efforts, for TYLER PERRY's For Better or Worse, HOUSE of PAYNE and MEET THE BROWNS on TBS. NBA on TNT, In 2011 *ACE* was the exclusive broadcast media sales agent for BOUNCE TV, the first African American owned and operated national television over the air digital channel, BOUNCE celebrated it's one year anniversary in September 2012 to overwhelming advertising success, *ACE's* other properties included Connection III Entertainment, Brockstarr Entertainment, Headline Entertainment, VMIX-TV. *ACE* previously, launched THE GENESIS MOVIE NETWORK in Oct. 08, After successful launch and run of UPTOWN MOVIE NETWORK 2005. Prior to starting *ACE*, Andrea was a Sales & Marketing Executive with UPN and FOX TV networks.

Holmes Thompkins, served as an associate producer of the Urban World Film Festival 2011, Audience Choice Award Winning independent film "LIFE LOVE SOUL" starring Tami Roman and Chad Coleman. She was also an associate producer of "BLACKOUT," starring Jeffrey Wright, Zoe Saldana. Which premiered at the 2007 Tribeca Film Festival.

A native of Paterson, NJ, Andrea, holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Communications from Howard University. She served on the board of HOPE HOUSE a non profit organization for unwed mothers, PTA president for Hawthorne School, and Thomas Jefferson School. She is an, Advisory Board Member of New Orleans Labor of Love. Andrea is a Finance Committee Member for Cory Booker for Senate 2013 & 2014. She was a member of the Tri State Finance Committee for President Barack Obama 2008 & 2012. A transition team member for Mayor Jeff Jones 2010, Paterson, NJ. She is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions, including 2013 National Association of Professional Woman of the Year. Holmes Thompkins, is a member of Community Baptist Church of Englewood, NJ, and currently resides in Bergen County, NJ with her husband. They have two adult sons.

LOREN DANIELS

Educator

Loren Daniels - jazz pianist, vocalist, composer, lyricist and educator



Loren studied music at Hofstra University and Berklee College of Music before graduating from SUNY at Old Westbury with a B.S. in music and elementary education. He received an M.A. in music education from New York University. Loren taught choral music, general music and music technology in the Teaneck, NJ public schools. He had been a member of the faculty there since 1979.

He is also music coordinator for Jazz Vespers at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Teaneck.

As a composer/lyricist, Loren has written music for a variety of settings. Many of his original jazz pieces are performed by the Reggie Pittman/Loren Daniels Quartet and the Loren Daniels Trio. He has composed several highly successful musicals for elementary school students. Loren collaborated with choreographers Joanne Koob and Susan Cherniak and composed new music for a series of modern dance performances that were reviewed in the New York Times. Loren composed and arranged music for two original theatrical productions, "The Man Was King" by Lottie Porch and "A Watch on King" by Veona Thomas. A suite of his choral pieces based on phrases from the Declaration of Independence recently had its premiere performance and the Teaneck Community Chorus has commissioned and performed several of his choral pieces including, "A Place At The Table" and "I Like Jazz". Loren has also composed, performed and recorded original soundtrack music which has been used on the Today Show and other NBC programs.

Loren's professional experience as a jazz pianist/vocalist spans over 35 years. He has performed with such notable musicians as Calvin Hill, Craig Harris, Milt Jackson, Rufus Reid, Makonda (Ken) McIntyre, Dan Willis, Warren Smith, Richard Harper, Fred Hendrix, Jim DeAngelis, David Demsey, Jimmy Owens, Andrei Strobert, Billy White, Jeff Sheloff, Alonzo Gardner, Reggie Pittman, Tim Horner, Eliot Zigmund, Lauren Hooker, Bradford Hayes, Mark Ivan Gross, David Robinson, Greg Searvance, Bruce Jackson, Bill Moring, Mike Richmond, Takashi Otsuka, Jackie Jones, Warren Batiste, Dave Brown, Alex Gressel, Jonathon Peretz, Andrea Valentini, Jane Stuart, Gail Smith, Bobby Porter, Jerome Jennings and Johnny Maestro.

Loren currently lives in Teaneck, NJ with his wife, Susan. «

Judy & Walter Distler and Jeremy Lentz

Steven Bell Cultural Arts

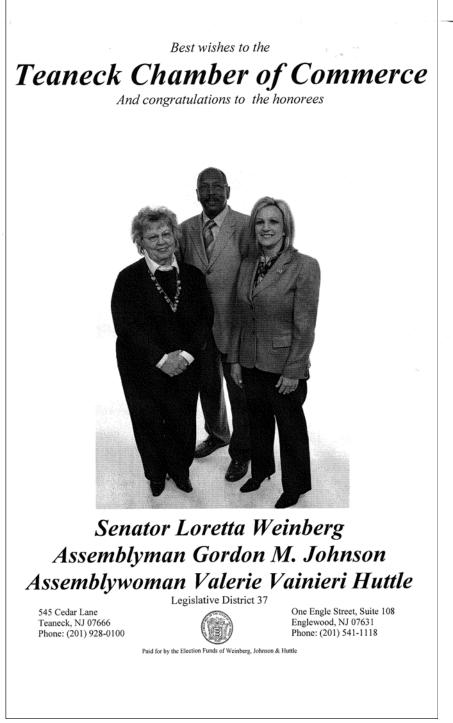


Steven L. Bell grew up in Teaneck. He attended Whittier school from Kindergarten to 3rd Grade, and when his family moved to the other side of town, attended Eugene Field School from 3rd through 6th Grade. He then went to Thomas Jefferson Jr. High School and Teaneck High School. Upon completing his education with a Masters of Music Education from Carnegie-Mellon University, he returned to the Teaneck School system in 1975,

teaching music at Whittier, Eugene Field and Longfellow Schools. He then moved to Benjamin Franklin Jr. High School, taking over for the renowned Mildred Bach Kronish. A family business took Steven away from education for 13 years, but he continued to be involved in music by working with the Teaneck Summer Theater run by the Teaneck Recreational Department. He also involved himself with other community theaters in the area, most notably OnStage, Inc., which produces three productions per summer for middle school through high school students, and the Bergen County Players where he has served as president for three terms, and has been a member for over 33 years. Upon returning to education, Steven taught for five years at Leonia Middle School before coming back to Teaneck High School, where he has been the Director of Vocal Music for the last 15 years. There he conducts the Mixed Chorus, Concert Choir and the award winning Madrigal Singers. He also teaches AP Music Theory and is the musical director and/or director of the annual musical.

Steven holds a Master Teacher Certification and Artist/Teacher Diploma from the CME Institute for Choral Music Education. He has served as president for the Music Educators of Bergen County, Inc. and the North Jersey School Music Association, Inc. He has served as the Repertoire and Standards Chairman for Community Choirs for the State of New Jersey American Choral Directors Association and currently serves on the All-State Choral Procedures Committee. He has also conducted honors choirs thought New Jersey, including the Bergen County High School Chorus this coming January. He has performed as accompanist for the All-State Chorus, Region Chorus and County Chorus. He has been recognized by the Paperrmill Playhouse for outstanding musical direction for a high school musical, and by the NJ Association of Community Theaters as best supporting actor in a musical.

Perhaps the position Steven is most proud of is Artistic Director of the Teaneck Community Chorus, a choir dedicated to, and reflecting the diversity of the community. As leader of this chorus almost since its inception, he had trained and guided them into an accomplished ensemble that has performed for events in Teaneck and throughout northern New Jersey. In addition to community appearances, the chorus presents two major concerts a year that explore socially conscious topics, and that represent various ethnic and cultural groups within Teaneck. The diverse and specialized repertoire required for these programs brings together a dedicated group of musicians who research the topic and the music associated with it. This has been, and continues to be a fulfilling mission, and Steven hopes to continue this standard of high-quality music making for many years to come.







The Rotary Club of Teaneck



Congratulations to all the 2014 Honorees and especially to the students of the

Teaneck High School Interact Club

Interact gives students ages 12-18 the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact club carries out at lest two service projects a year: One that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding.

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Heritage Pointe of Teaneck

Business of the Year

Heritage Pointe was built to offer wonderful services and amenities to retired seniors who wish to live life easier and care free. We are extremely proud to be selected as Teaneck's Business of the Year in 2014.

Bordered by woodlands of the Teaneck Creek Conservancy and a charming residential neighborhood, yet convenient to all of the shopping, culture and recreation of Bergen County and Manhattan, Heritage Pointe of Teaneck offers extraordinary value -- beautiful full amenity apartments, distinctive community features, fine dining, and a complete activities/recreation calendar, all with the attentiveness expected of a full-service upscale retirement community.

While you may desire freedom from the time-consuming aspects of managing a home, you undoubtedly wish to continue living in style! With just one visit, you'll see that Heritage Pointe of Teaneck offers a warm and inviting environment you'll feel proud to call home. From the friendly concierge, the cozy fireplace library, to the restaurant-style dining room, our residents enjoy the community's wonderful amenities and services. Our rich diverse calendar of activities, entertainment and programs keep our community busy....there is something for everyone.

We welcome you to tour the model apartments and savor the views. Our bright and airy luxury apartments boast nine-foot ceilings, ceramic tiled bathrooms and spacious walk-in closets. With more than 10 apartment styles to choose from, the 1, 2, and 3 Bedroom apartments range from 672 to 1,516 square feet of living space. You're sure to find a floor plan that suits your life and your style! Security features include a secure electronic building entry system, and 24-hour concierge staff.

A sample of the services included in your monthly rent: Fine Dining - 20 dinners and daily continental breakfast, Bi-Weekly Housekeeping, Concierge Services, Scheduled Transportation (local supermarkets, banks and pharmacies), Cultural, Social and Recreational Programs and Utilities (excluding cable, internet and landline phone). Lovely, well-planned amenities expand your living...and your living space.

The Heritage Pointe Management team is headed by Executive Director Elizabeth Andropoli, and consists of Katia Pastor Business Director, Lorraine Amendola Life Enrichment Director, Senior Building Engineer Chris Blair, Dining Services Manager Jason Cecala , and Janice Hemberger Marketing Associate. Our team is committed to our residents, the Teaneck Community, and the ever changing needs of our valued senior citizens .Kohl Asset Management is the local property manager... We are proud to be an active member, participant, and contributor in doing our part to continue to showcase Teaneck with pride

Joel Goldin has been the Sales and Marketing Director at Heritage Pointe of Teaneck since April of 2012. Having enjoyed a close and loving relationship with his Grandparents, Joel felt his passion deepest when dealing with seniors. Joel continues to maintain a close rapport with hundreds of residents and their families with whom he has counselled over the years. His unique compassion and deep appreciation and affection for Senior Citizens, coupled with his knowledge, expertise and network of professionals to ease the transition. from one's home, has families coming back to him on a continuous basis. Joel received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at Binghamton University. He is also a New Jersey Certified Assisted Living Administrator who has advised over 6000 families. He is a current member of the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce Board of Trustees, the Teaneck Rotary Club, and the Essex County Coalition for Seniors. \sim



Mohammed Hameeddudin

Humanitarian



The first Muslim Councilman in Bergen County, a young entrepreneur and a community activist, Mohammed Hameeduddin, believes in supporting the community in every way possible.

Mohammed decided to get involved in his home town when his own mosque was seeking an approval for an expansion. Through his involvement with the zoning process he realized how much he could help to streamline the process and decided to get involved in local government. While serving on the planning board from 2006 to 2008, he was part of the development of the town's master plan, which helped to keep the integrity of the small

town, while moving its business community forward.

Now with the bug for local government, he then decided to get more involved and run for Teaneck Township Council. As the first Muslim elected to the board, Mohammed has already made great strides in town. His first order of business was establishing the unity day committee which now holds an annual event in the town, bringing residents of all ethnicities and faiths together.

A son of immigrants, from Hyderbad, India, his parents immigrated to New York later moving to Teaneck. They moved to the United States to begin a family where they would be able to achieve financial independence and give their children a better life. His father, Mohammed Sr., was a founding member of Darulislah Mosque in Teaneck where he was and still is able to help other South Asian immigrants who wish to come to the United States, both with the actual immigration and also with getting acclimated to the culture.

After the attacks on September 11, Mohammed was disheartened by the treatment of his community. He was one of the first activists to speak out on behalf of his culture and explain the true meaning of his religion. He not only spoke out locally but was seen nationally on Forrest Sawyer.

Professionally Mohammed is a life-long entrepreneur. He left college to begin a computer consulting firm which was at the forefront of cutting edge wireless technology, and has been published in various trade magazines. After the internet boom was over, Mohammed moved on to the restaurant business, finally settling in title insurance where he and his partner, Gary Wengel, currently manage H & W Title.

Mohammed also serves on the Bergen County Economic Development Corporation and is a trustee for the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce. In 2008 he received the NAACP Bergen County Chapter award for community service.

Mohammed is an active member of the congregation of Darulislah and Nidaulislam Mosques, both in Teaneck. He is married to Faiza Poshni. In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf, although admittedly not well. \ll

The Holy Name Family joins in honoring the Deaneck Chamber of Commerce 2014 Awards Recipients for their outstanding service to the community 718 Teaneck Road | Teaneck, NJ 07666 For referral to a Holy Name Physician, or for information about programs and services call 1-877-HOLY-NAME (1-877-465-9626) or visit www.holyname.org.

Angelae Wilkerson

Community Achievement



Angelae Wilkerson has been a tireless activist and volunteer in Teaneck and in New Jersey for many years. She has worked on behalf of her children, her community, and numerous nonprofit organizations. Her love for her community is unquestionable, and her dedication to helping those in need serves as an inspiration to everyone she works with.

In Teaneck, Angelae's list of volunteer activities is long and distinguished. She has been a life member of the Teaneck Volunteer Ambulance Corp for almost twelve years, serving as President, Vice-President, and Treasurer, while also working on the Social, Probationary Member Training, and Recruitment Committees. She has been rewarded for her dedication to the corps with commendations and awards, including the Chamber of Commerce Recognition Award in October 2010. Angelae served as coordinator for Teaneck Unity Dav- a community-wide event the celebrates and embraces Teaneck's

have a community-wide event the celebrates and embraces Teaneck's vibrant diversity; volunteered with the Teaneck Helping Hands Food Pantry; and co-chaired Teaneck High School Project Graduation, serving as a chaperone for the past six years even though her children were not part of all the graduating classes. In July 2012, Angelae received the Matthew Feldman Award in recognition of her tireless dedication to community service in her hometown. Her busy schedule prevented her from attending the initial ceremony, leading a friend and committee member to state, "You know Angelae must be special because she's the only person it takes two meetings to celebrate!" Ms. Wilkerson's efforts are not limited to Teaneck's organizations, however. When a friend mentioned that a little boy needed a special bed due to his medical challenges, she sprang into action, organizing a drive to raise money for the purchase of a bed with the generous support of friends and the Giants of Generosity, another wonderful nonprofit organization she supports.

On the county level, She has volunteered at Shelter Our Sisters, a residence for battered women and their children, and the Joan's Joy Foundation, an organization founded in memory of Joan D'Alessandro that supports child safety efforts. She has dedicated many hours to the Starlight Children's Foundation, where earlier this year she was presented the Volunteer Spirit Award and named April Volunteer of the Month for her efforts in chairing fundraising committees and organizing volunteers to provide Great Escape Events for pediatric patients and their families. She also volunteers as a Confidential Sexual Violence Advocate at Bergen County's YWCA healingSPACE, a sexual violence resource center.

On the state level, Angelae spearheaded the movement to bring Denim Day to New Jersey. Denim Day is an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness and urging citizens to take a stand against sexual violence. She worked tirelessly for 18 months with the Assembly and Senate to make sure the initiative was passed and signed by the Governor. One of her proudest moments was speaking on the Superior Court House steps and the State House steps on the inaugural Denim Day in New Jersey. As past president of the board of trustees at the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault, she continues to work with survivors of sexual violence as a confidential sexual violence advocate. She also supports efforts to prevent sexual violence and help family survivors through her work with the Ryan United Foundation and the Kelsey Smith Foundation, both of which are named in memory of abducted and murdered children. Her dream job is to one day work for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Angelae is a loving mother of three wonderful children, by far her greatest accomplishments. Her daughter Samantha graduated with honors from university and hopes to join the Peace Corps in 2015. Victoria graduated from high school and is off on her freshman college experience, majoring in Political Science with a track in Pre-Law and a minor in Communications. Nicholas, her heart's joy, is completing his last year in middle school and looking forward excitedly to the beginning of his high school years.

She is honored to accept the Community Achievement Award. Her commitment to raising sociallyconscious and caring children, and her willingness to provide assistance to those in need of support is commendable. When asked what she hoped her legacy would be, Angelae responded "I want to inspire people, I want someone to look at me and say, 'because of you, I didn't give up'." \ll



Theodora Lacey Lifetime Achievement



Theodora Lacey has been deeply committed to equality for all for many decades. A native of Montgomery, Alabama, she grew up in the segregated south and encountered many forms of racism. She worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., during the famed Montgomery bus boycott in 1955. In the summer of 1957, she and her husband. Dr. Archie L. Lacey, traveled throughout the counties of Alabama researching voter registration fraud and injustice in the political system of Alabama.

A resident for over 50 years and a teacher for almost 40 years, Theodora has been an active community member in organizations throughout Bergen County since moving with her family to Teaneck in 1961. Lacey and her husband played a major role in successfully integrating the public schools and are cited for those efforts in the book, Triumph in a White Suburb, by Reginald Damerell. (As a tireless activist in Bergen County, Lacey has fought discrimination in the school system and in the housing market.)

Lacey's service to the community is extensive and varied. She was chosen to be a delegate representing New Jersey in a Citizen to Citizen Exchange Program trip to Russia, and was co-founder of Teens Talk About Racism, an annual diversity conference for high school students throughout Bergen County. She is a former president of both Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. of Bergen County and the Bergen County Links, and was recently appointed by Governor Christie to serve on the Martin Luther King, Jr. State Commission. Lacey presently serves on the Teaneck Film Festival, the Teaneck Township Historical Preservation Board. She is Vice Chair of the African American Advisory Board for Bergen County, Chair of the Bergen County Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observance Committee, and co-chair of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Monument Committee which is overseeing the erection of a larger than life-size bronze statue of Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. on the campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Hackensack, New Jersey which will be unveiled in October, 2014.

Lacey is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Master Teacher Award from the Teacher Training Institute of New York, Teacher of the Year from the Teaneck School District, Outstanding Women of New Jersey from the New Jersey Senate, and Most Outstanding New Jersey Secondary School Teacher from Princeton University. She was cited in the Bergen Record in their "Most Intriguing People" and Signature series. Lacey is a member of the Central Unitarian Church, Paramus, New Jersey.

Theodora is the proud mother of four, grandmother of ten, and great grandmother of five. \backsim



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John E McGilchrist, Lt Colonel Retired Teaneck's Military Veterans



John E McGilchrist was born in the Bronx, New York on December 9, 1942, the third child of Horatio and Myrtle McGilchrist. He attended Saint Anthony of Padua school and graduated from Cardinal Hayes High School in the Bronx. John entered Iona College, New Rochelle, New York on a Track Scholarship and graduated with a BS degree in Mathematics in 1964. While at Iona, he was named one of the top ten sprinters in the metropolitan area.

On September 5, 1965, John was drafted into the United States Army. He entered Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers on

August 5, 1966. From March 1967 to March 1968 Lieutenant McGilchrist served as a platoon leader and later as a company commander with the 815th Engineer Battalion in the Republic of South Vietnam. Upon returning to the United States this young officer was assigned to the Engineer School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia as an instructor and promoted to the rank of Captain. While on active duty John received the Bronze Star medal for action against hostile forces in South Viet Nam and the Army Commendation medal for his outstanding work at the Engineer School.

On July 19, 1969 Captain John E McGilchrist married Cynthia Sims. Shortly thereafter, upon leaving the service, the couple moved to New York and began to raise a family. In 1972 the young family moved to Hackensack, New Jersey.

As a civilian John pursued a career in the cosmetic industry, where he became a well known packaging professional. This career took him to companies like Coty, Houbigant, Avon, Revlon, and L'Oreal.

Once in Jersey, it was not long before John got involved in the New Jersey National Guard. While in the Guard he became a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College. John served over 19 years, in a number of assignments, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. In October of 1992 John retired from the Guard with 23 years of active service.

The McGilchrist family now resides in Teaneck. John has been involved with many organizations including the Knights of Columbus, Teaneck Biddy Basketball, CYO, Parish Council of Holy Trinity Church in Hackensack, and committees for the Teaneck Town Council, including Chairing Teaneck's Patriotic Observance Advisory Board.



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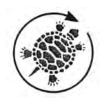
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INITIATIVES and COMMITTEES

Teaneck Chamber of Commerce Group Health Insurance Initiative - For nearly three years, the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce, in concert with key stake holders, set out to find a way to help local businesses save money on the health insurance premiums they pay for their employees. Out of many meetings, the Chamber's insurance program was developed. Today, all members of the Teaneck Chamber can request to become part of this program (currently a minimum of two full-time employees) and save money on policy renewals and potentially get even better service and resources. Contact us at <u>info@teaneckchamber.org</u> with your name, company, phone number, e-mail address and the number of employees (if possible, please state family, single, parent & child, etc.) and we'll have our primary contact respond to you with a quote for your new policy.

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Being a member of a committee offers many opportunities from greater visibility, increased opportunities, lower costs, networking and more. Networking helps improve your business as well as others. Share common issues, discuss problems, learn to open new doors. By working together and knowing what we have in our community can only help make us stronger and seek those businesses that we would like to see locate here. If we cannot demonstrate cohesiveness among ourselves, how can we convince others to come in? To become a member of any committee, the business first needs to be a member of the Chamber.

**Banking Committee** - By working together we can provide what a business might need. Help existing businesses to survive, reach out and solicit new businesses to come to our community. If a project is too large for one, the opportunity is there to collaborate. Each bank has its strengths. As a result of this committee and with the collaboration of the Township, we were able to implement a simplified sign and façade program.

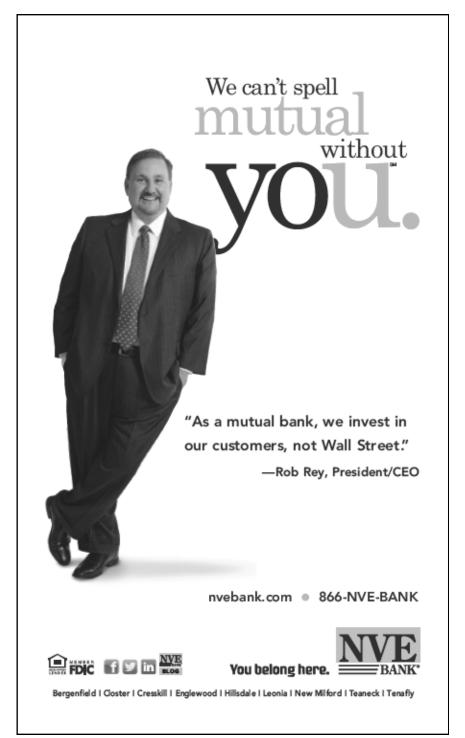
**Real Estate Committee** - This committee is broken down to two segments, commercial and residential. Those businesses connected with real estate bring a wealth of knowledge and resources to the community. Like the Banking Committee, they are able to introduce new businesses into our community, help them navigate around the community to get established, find suitable sites. On the residential side, give good reason why someone would like to locate their family to Teaneck and what Teaneck has to offer. The Real Estate Committee has hosted various events including a comprehensive home buying seminar and conducted tours through Teaneck for families interested in locating and relocating within the township.

**Cultural Arts Committee** - Teaneck has long been known as a hub for all things cultural. In an effort to help promote the individual venues to members of the community and to the county, the Cultural Arts Committee was formed to help these organizations survive and continue providing quality productions with ever shrinking contributions while at the same time helping the business community. While attempts in this area have been made before, it is a natural fit that this initiative come from the Chamber.

**Heritage Tourism Committee** - Teaneck sits by some very historic sites that have gone virtually unnoticed by many, including many long time Teaneck residents. Why not turn those assets into something that could benefit the community while still maintaining its quiet image? This committee has collaborated with the Bergen County Historical Society. When properly implemented is a multi-million dollar economic engine.

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Other key Committees include the Membership Committee, Restaurant Committee and Publicity Committee.

To add to the enjoyment of networking through participation in committees, you will find that most all committees impact one another. By working on committees we are leveraging time and resources, working yet having fun. Larry Bauer, president of the chamber always like to say "there is never competition, there are always opportunities". He has gotten involved in a variety of groups, boards and organizations, not to say that you should overdo it like he does, but in his case it all ties in with his involvement with the Teaneck Chamber of Commerce and the benefits it creates for the Chamber and the community. In his daily endeavors he is constantly cross promoting and selling Teaneck.

Other committees are on the drawing board just waiting for someone like you to join. A hobby, an interest, a way of meeting new people, business growth and development. Far too often we look outside our community when what we have, what we need, goes virtually unnoticed. For businesses to grow and survive we need to work together, by helping each other, we are helping ourselves, our businesses as well as our community. Participating in the Chamber is like participating in a networking group. All the benefits are right in our own back-yard.

The Teaneck Chamber of Commerce is also a member of a group of chambers, The Inter Chamber Consortium. The chambers hold separate as well as joint events. If you are member of one chamber, you have the opportunity of attending other chambers in the group. If there is a fee, you pay the member fee.

At the end of the day, whether you are a resident, a business owner, possibly a resident and a business owner, you have some sort of vested interest in Teaneck and it is to your advantage to see that Teaneck grows properly and smartly by getting involved. It is always easy to criticize but through actual involvement and participation can come change.  $\ll$ 

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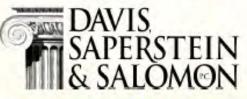
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