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## After the Fire Fr. English Center Needs Your Help!



On Thursday, November 2, 2017, a fire at the Father English Community Center completely destroyed the Father English Food Pantry and the Used Clothing Boutique. These essential services serve 100 to 150 clients per day or over 4,000 clients per month. The people who rely on the food pantry will go hungry without these important services.

The staff and students who were in the cen-

ter at the time of the fire were all safely evacuated.

As a result of this tragic fire, the community partner of Father English, Eva's Village, has offered the use of their culinary school, which will be used as a temporary Food Pantry. The new temporary food pantry is located at 133 Prince Street, Paterson.

Help is needed to restore the Food Pantry, restock the Clothing Boutique and prepare for the center's annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution. Following are four ways that you can help the Father English Center in their time of need.

1. Make a donation to the Thanksgiving Food Distribution - Catholic Family Community Service (CFCS) provides frozen Turkey with all the trimmings for the Thanksgiving Meal. Specific needs are apples, oranges, assorted pies, assorted vegetables, beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, juice, mashed potatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, rice, stuffing,

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*Bands  
Battling  
Cancer  
December 3rd*



The Theater League of Clifton and the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton will present “Bands Battling Cancer,” a fund-raising concert, on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2-5 p.m., at the Boys & Girls Club facility, located at 180 Colfax Ave. in Clifton.

The program will feature three local bands—Mixed Nutz, The Manhattan Brothers and Common Conviction—performing rock and roll and pop music

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# Around Town Community Calendar...



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**YOUNG AT HEART CLUB** • The Young at Heart Senior Club meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at noon at the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church on Maplewood Ave. Refreshments are served from 10:30am to noon. Trips leave from the Masonic Lodge at 1484-1510 Van Houten Ave. For information call Lillian at 973-779-5581. A Playhouse Christmas 2017: A festive holiday revue at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse, Dec. 4. AARP 4192 and Young at Heart Christmas Party: Dec. 8 at The Mountainside Inn, Clifton.

**ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE PRIME TIMERS** • Meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 1pm and are open to any parishioner of St. Philip's and their friends, ages 50 and older. Guests may attend a maximum of two meetings before joining.

**ST PAUL LEISURE CLUB** • All those ages 55 and over are welcome. Meetings are held at St. Paul Church hall at the corner of Union Ave. and Second St. All visitors and new member must sign in at the desk. The \$10 dues must be paid by December.

Camp Hope: Nov. 13 trip includes transportation, hot breakfast, hot lunch with dessert, bingo, live music and 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$13. per person. Call Esther at 973-773-2317 for a seat on the bus. Members and non-members are welcome. Bus leaves St. Paul Church at 9am.

Christmas Party: Dec. 20 from noon until 4pm at The Brownstone House in Paterson. We will have an open bar from noon until 1pm followed by a menu of food and drinks. The price is \$40. per person. In addition, there is a bus available leaving from the church for \$2. Cash. Call Lucille Mason at 973-777-8179 to book your reservations. Checks should be made out to "Saint Paul Leisure Club."

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** • Breakfast with Santa - Hosted by the Advisory Board of Clifton Assembly #16. Order of Rainbow for Girls. Nov. 26 from 9am to noon at the Clifton Masonic Lodge, 1484-1510 Van Houten Ave., Clifton. Donations: \$8. All you can eat menu. Santa will be available for pictures. Everyone welcome. For information contact Jim at 201-341-3697 or Shannon at 973-865-6335

**HOLIDAY BAZAAR - ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH** • St. John Lutheran Church Passaic, Will be holding a Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 18 from 9am to 3pm. Crafts, Gifts and Bakery Goodwill be offered for sale. The Bazaar will also be a collection spot for canned and non-perishable food donations for the less fortunate.

**CLIFTON STAMP SOCIETY** • For information, call the Recreation Department at 973-470-5956, weekdays between 8:30am and 4pm, or go to Cliftonstamp-society.org. Meetings are in Room 3 in the basement of the Community Recreation Center, 1232 Main Ave. from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 and 19. Write to the Clifton Stamp Society c/c Recreation Department, City Hall, 900 Clifton Ave, Clifton, NJ 07013.

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## Oliver and Giblin Organize 8th Annual Holiday Toy Drive for area Children



Assembly Speaker Emeritus Sheila Y. Oliver and Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin called on residents, businesses and organizations in the 34th legislative

“This drive hopes to ease some of that burden and allow families to enjoy the holidays, without worrying whether they will be able to afford gifts for their children.”

This is the eighth holiday toy and book drive organized by Oliver and Giblin. Last year’s drive collected over 300 items.

Donations of new toys and new books will be accepted from Monday, November 6th through Tuesday, December 12th, 2017. All donations must be new, for children ages 3 to 15, and should be unwrapped.

Toys and books collected will be distributed to local organizations including the East Orange/Orange Community Development Corp., Montclair Child Development Corp/Head Start Program, The Boys and Girls Club of Clifton, Moving Orange Forward, St. Peters Haven, and United Way of Northern New Jersey.

Donations may be dropped off at: Assemblyman Thomas P. Giblin’s District Office, 855 Valley Road, Suite 104, Clifton, NJ. Drop off hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Lolita Cruz at 973.779.3125.

district to support their 2017 Holiday Toy and Book Drive, which last year handed out hundreds of toys and books to kids ages 3 to 15.

“We want to extend a helping hand to families who may face tough times during this coming holiday season,” said Oliver (D-Essex/Passaic). “Following on the success of previous years, we are hoping to reach even more boys and girls.”

“The holidays are a wonderful time, but for families that may be struggling, they can also be stressful,” said Giblin (D-Essex/Passaic).

## Open for Business

by Nicholas J. Veliky

Former Paterson Mayor Joey Torres, who resigned his position in disgrace as a result of having city employees work on personal projects for his family members while still on the city clock and collecting overtime, has been sentenced to 5 years in federal prison. In imposing the sentence the judge noted a previous Paterson mayor’s similar offense and decided to take this opportunity to send a message to others who may consider taking advantage of their elected position of trust, that this will no longer be tolerated. The judge never did set a minimum term to be served as she imposed the 5 year maximum sentence, as set forth in the “plea deal.”

Election day 2017 is now just a memory, just another statistic for the record books. So what can we surmise from the outcome: In spite of a gallant effort on the part of the Democratic Party, they could not “Flip the 40th”. The GOP ticket made up of Senator Kristin Corrado, Assemblymen Kevin Rooney and Chris DePhillips soundly defeated their Democratic challengers. In her acceptance speech, Senator Corrado thanked former Senator Kevin O’Toole and Totowa Municipal leader Peter Murphy, crediting their efforts for the win. . . Most of the other election victories went to the Democratic Party who is once again proving to be an almost unbeatable team. . . In Clifton, the response to the only municipal race, that being the race for three seats on Clifton’s Board of Education (BOE), got mixed reviews. Incumbent Commissioner Judy Bassford fought back a vicious attack to take first place. Comments were heard all over Clifton in favor of moving the BOE race back to a municipal election day, where the contest would “receive the attention it deserves.” There were also many comments on the placement of BOE choices in the voting booth. Many feeling it was hidden and far from the choices for other races.

A notice was conveyed to local residents regarding road closures for the Clifton Stampede 5K Run via the information system set up by the city. The annual 5K race to be held on Sunday November 19th at 8 am and broadcast via telephone notification stated that residents between Urma Ave. and Pershing Rd are directed to Urma Ave and Van Houten Ave. where a traffic officer will regulate traffic. Residents between Clifton Ave. and Pershing Rd. are directed to Starmond Ave and Van Houten Ave. where they should exit towards Clifton Ave. A traffic officer will regulate traffic at Clifton Ave. and Van Houten Ave. for the affected residents. Residents between Olga B Terr. and St. James Pl. travelling out of the neighborhood are directed to Olga B. Terr. where a traffic officer will regulate traffic.

Assemblyman Tom Giblin and Lieutenant Governor elect Sheila Oliver are once again holding their annual toy and book drive. Donations can be brought to the Assembly offices at 855 Valley Road in Clifton between 10 am and 5 pm.

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# The Legal Insider

## What is the “Wrongful Prolongation of Life”

BY JEFFREY W. POMPEO, ESQ.

In law, a “cause of action” is a series of facts that allow a person to bring a lawsuit against another. It also refers to the legal “theory” upon which a lawsuit is brought (that is, the legal “wrong” the person claims to have suffered), such as breach of contract or medical malpractice.

### EXAMPLES

New Jersey case law recognizes a “cause of action” for “Battered-Person Syndrome,” that is, anyone involved in a marital or intimate relationship may hold the “dominant” partner liable for damages for inflicting physical or psychological injuries.

A New Jersey statute recognizes a “cause of action” for damages by a “victim” (including a drug user or a parent, child, spouse or sibling of a drug user, as well as, a person injured as a result of the negligent or reckless ac-

tion of a drug user) against a drug dealer who illegally distributes a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) to the user.

Finally, New Jersey case law recognizes a “cause of action” for damages against anyone who knowingly and negligently exposes a person to a contagious disease, which the person contracts.

In each of these three examples, additional facts must exist to satisfy the requirements of that cause of action.

### NEW CAUSE OF ACTION

Recently, a New Jersey court recognized for the first time a cause of action against a hospital and its medical staff for “wrongful prolongation of life” by the estate of a woman resuscitated against her wishes.

### DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER

Prior to her admission to the hospital with breathing problems, Suzanna Stica had signed “Do Not Resuscitate” and “Do Not Intubate” orders. Despite the orders, she was resuscitated after going into cardiac arrest. For the next six months until she died, she was “intubated, had difficulty breathing, was confined to a wheelchair, had bladder and bowel problems, suffered from depression and

dementia, and had trouble speaking.”

As a result, the court found that she had experienced pain and suffering and that her “fundamental right to refuse unwanted medical treatment” had been violated.

### WRONGFUL BIRTH

Recognizing a cause of action for “wrongful prolongation of life” was, according to the court in the Stica case, a logical extension of the 1979 decision by the New Jersey Supreme Court called *Berman v. Allan*, which recognized a cause of action for “wrongful birth.”

The latter cause of action holds a physician liable to parents for failing to disclose the existence of a medically accepted procedure (known, in that case, as “amniocentesis”, which can predict the presence of chromosomal defects) that would have given the parents the option to abort the fetus and terminate the pregnancy of their child born with Down’s Syndrome.

### NEXT STEP

The Stica case addressed a legal issue that hadn’t arisen in New Jersey previously and thus the judge’s ruling created “new law”; as such, it’s called a case of “first impression.” The case will now proceed to trial (unless it is settled by the parties beforehand), at which time a jury will decide whether the hospital and its doctor acted negligently in



failing to honor the Do Not Resuscitate and Do Not Intubate orders. In short, the court recognized the cause of action, but the estate must still prove its case at the trial.

### CONCLUSION

As time goes on, and life changes and evolves, new causes of action will be recognized by New Jersey courts (called “case law”) and by the New Jersey Legislature (called “statutory law”).

Sources: (1) Encyclopedia of NJ Causes of Action (2016 ed.) (2) 223 NJ Law Journal 43 (October 23, 2017)

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# Nature in Your Backyard

BY DON TORINO

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## Keeping a Birding Journal

Maybe it's that I am getting older or perhaps it's just that I seem to enjoy reminiscing more and more these days about the special birds and people that I have enjoyed over my life's journey. Whatever the reason might be, lately I have begun to think much more about the importance of keeping up my birding journal.

I must confess that I am not much of a list person, even though I know in some birding circles that is frowned upon. Maybe it's because I am just not that organized a person, but creating an actual bird life list seems to me as just a grocery list of birds and not much else.

Now just so you know I do keep a list locked away in my memory ready to look up anytime. If I find the need to recall my first Bald Eagle or Wood Thrush to anyone who is around to listen I just reach back into my memory and tell the story.

I do keep something far more important and personal to me than a list, it's my birding Journal. My journal is a very special book that when I turn the pages, I immediately go back to the woods and fields of days gone by. So whenever I feel the need to recall those very special birds and even better friends I reach for my journal. My journal does

definitely contain some writings about many of my first-time species but for me it is more about my experiences with not only the birds but the people, the weather and maybe even flat tires by the roadside.

My journal is a book that I can go to when I want to reminisce, laugh and sometimes cry. It is my personal document that tells where I have been, what I did and many times what I failed to do. A Birding journal is everyone's life story that finds their hearts and souls renewed by the birds.

Just so you know I don't believe in placing my important bird memories on any Apps or computer program, or for that matter on any tablet and not even my phone. Birding memories are much too important and special to leave on any impersonal electronic device. I firmly believe we need to go old school and put our fingers on a pen and a piece of paper and write down what comes from the heart.

Call me old fashioned and behind the times (My wife often does) but there is still human emotion and feeling in the hand-written word and I would want nothing less to be placed in my birding history than what I felt when I saw my first Barred owl or

who I was with when I found an injured Broad-winged hawk. Those are memories that need to be documented and preserved as much as any threatened or endangered species, protected for future generations to be learned from and cherished. No one will be sitting by the fire in an old rocking chair reminiscing and reading your journal on a computer or phone, that won't happen. But on the other hand, your children or grandchildren might pick up your old birding journal one day and relive the birds you saw, the places you've been and the friends you enjoyed being with when you did what you loved most, being in nature with the birds. Your old page worn journal may give them an insight into why you were crazy enough to be out before sunrise, through the snow, ice and rain and maybe just maybe get a hint of what the osprey or peregrine you wrote about actually means to who you are and how far you have come and perhaps get a glimpse into who you truly are as a human being.

Write down your birding story, your history and life in nature. For not only yourself to enjoy but one day someone might sit down and enjoy it along with you and also learn from it and treasure it



the same way you do.

See you in the Meadowlands -- Don

## Local Wild Turkeys Protest Thanksgiving!



Seeking to abolish the holiday they see as barbaric to their wellbeing and quality of life, a flock of wild turkeys took to the streets to let their feelings be known about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Wild turkeys indignant to the North Jersey area after being displaced by rampant development of their habitat, are up in "wings" about the annual feast featuring many of them as the main course. In their attempt to gain attention to their cause, Wild Turkeys have reportedly been disrupting local commerce and traffic by sauntering

along main thoroughfares where they are known to squawk at and chase moving cars while taking a nip or two at their tires.

Turkey spokesman who has given his name only as Tom has stated that the unrest will continue until a substitute menu is adopted to celebrate the holiday. Suggested items included venicin and tofu.

The feathered foul promise a return to protest for TFETC Turkeys for the ethical treatment of cranberries later this holiday season.

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## Clifton Cares Needs Donations

Since they began in Aug. 2010, Clifton Cares has sent over 5,000 packages overseas to soldiers thanks to donations.

The Clifton residents and businesses have been donating supplies and more to keep the packages mailed to troops. Volunteers going to packing nights are inspired by the 'thank you' notes sent from the soldiers. They tell the stories about sharing the packages with other soldiers who don't get any from home or those who say each package "smells like home."

The holiday packages will be sent after Thanksgiving, so Clifton Cares would appreciate donations. Cookies (especially homemade), holiday candy, beef jerky and gum are favorites.

Baby wipes, Visine and deodorant are always on the list along with new white socks.

A 'thank you' note told Clifton Cares that the soldiers could not believe people who didn't know them cared so much about their well-being. That is why volunteers will continue to pack for them as long as they are on foreign soil. Please send any donations to the Clifton Cares box at city hall before Nov. 24, 2017.

The monetary donation for postage will be greatly appreciated, says Clifton Cares. Donators may mail a check, payable to Lizz Gagnon, to Clifton Hall, 900 Clifton Avenue Clifton, NJ 07013.

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## Bands Battling Cancer

from the 1950s to the 1980s.

Admission is \$20 per person and includes lunch (sandwiches and salads), dessert buffet, soda and beer. Tickets may be reserved by phone (973-928-7668); online via the theater's website ([www.theaterleagueofclifton.com](http://www.theaterleagueofclifton.com)); or regular mail—payment by check only. Tickets also will be sold at the door on the day of the concert. The Theater League of Clifton's mailing address is: PO Box 4072, Clifton, NJ 07012.

Proceeds from the event will go to support the Theater League of Clifton and to purchase presents for children at Hackensack Medical Center during the upcoming holiday season.

Founded in 2005, the Theater League of Clifton is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering an appreciation of the arts through theatrical performances, while providing quality entertainment for all ages. The theater league welcomes volunteers in all aspects of performance and production. The organization recently concluded its main-stage production of the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie."

Mark Peterson is the president of the Theater League of Clifton. Robert Foster is the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton.

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# Bands Battling Cancer

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**When:** Sunday, December 3, 2017, 2:00pm - 5:00pm

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**What:** Concert and lunch (sandwiches, salads), soft drinks, beer, and dessert buffet

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## The Father English Community Center Needs Your Help

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sweet potatoes, frozen turkey

2. Help restock the Food Pantry. All of the food donations that were in stock in the Father English Food Pantry were destroyed in the fire. CFCS is in need of any of the following non-perishable items: assorted beans, assorted canned vegetables, assorted cereals, assorted juices, assorted soups, baby food, baby formula, canned fruit, canned meats, crackers, bread, diapers, jelly, macaroni and cheese, oatmeal, grits, farina, pancake mix syrup, pasta, pasta sauce, peanut butter, powdered or non-dairy milks, and rice

3. Make a donation of winter coats and clothing - All of the clothing in the Father English clothing boutique was lost in the fire. As cold weather approaches, there is an increase in the demand for winter coats and warm clothing.

4. Financial donations are always appreciated. A gift of \$100 Sponsors a Thanksgiving Dinner. Donations of any amount are needed to help rebuild, restock the Father English Food Pantry.

To learn more about how to help with rebuilding and restocking the Father English Food Pantry, or to coordinate donation deliveries, please call Maria Malave de la Paz, at 973-279-7100 x2103, or by email at: [foodpantry@catholiccharities.org](mailto:foodpantry@catholiccharities.org).

Financial donations can be made in two ways:

1. Make your donation with a credit card transaction through the Father English website: <http://www.catholic-familyandcommunityservices.org/donate.aspx>. Please indicate "FOOD PANTRY" under the Personal Notes so that we can properly apply this donation
2. Send a check or money order to:

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