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## Maywood Man Celebrates 100 Years

by Patti McNamara

Antoine Caravoulias, affectionately known as Charlie to his family and friends, is Maywood's newest Centenarian when he recently celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday given by his family. More than 100 people came to offer well wishes to the vibrant native of Greece at the American Legion Post in Maywood on February 14. Caravoulias, who came to America in 1925, first lived in Brooklyn, then Jersey Paterson, before settling into his home in Paramus. Caravoulias is a World War I veteran and after leaving the service, married his wife, Connie, in 1948. Caravoulias and his other-in-law opened their own business in 1954 in Paterson. Teddy's Texas was a hot dog/pizza restaurant which they operated for over 30 years. Sixteen years ago the Caravoulias' decided to sell their home and move to Maywood to share it with their daughter, Cheryl, and her family.



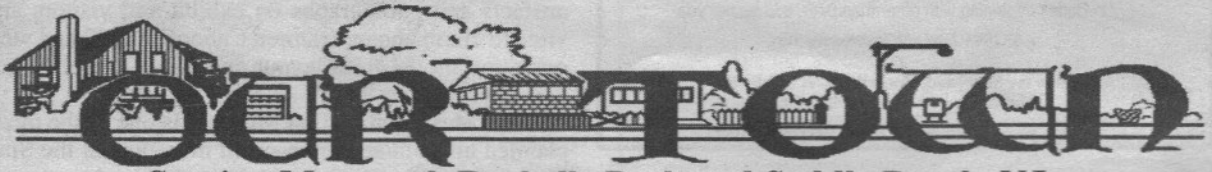
Charlie Caravoulias has made friends everywhere he goes. According to Andrui, "Charlie walks three miles every day" and "All our neighbors know him." In the colder months, Caravoulias has his wife take him to the mall to walk; but on any milder day, he is out walking all around town. It is not uncommon for him to stop into the school to see the kids, pop into the library, or make a trip to ShopRite to pick up a few things. Just recently, when the family thought he would have to slow down when he started having trouble; he surprised the family by immediately bouncing back after having a procedure done. Caravoulias was home less than a week after having a transcatheter aortic valve implanted through a small incision in the skin. It was shortly thereafter that he was up and walking around again. Having beat the odds and celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup>

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## Maywood Resident Realizes Her Dream

by Patti McNamara

After having raised her two sons, Maywoodian Mona Rodriguez, set forth to make one of her dreams a reality. "I always wanted to write a book," stated the new author. With her sons leaving the nest and her husband, Joe, encouraging her, Rodriguez decided to put the plan into action. "I had often thought about doing it and had the story in my head," Rodriguez continued. She approached her cousin, Dianne Vigorito of Pompton Plains, and asked for her help. Vigorito agreed and the project took on a life of its own. The cousins worked for hours and hours together

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## Rochelle Park Plans Budget

The Rochelle Park Township Committee met on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 with representatives from all departments to discuss the upcoming budget and decide how to best address the township's needs going forward.

Chief Financial Officer Roy Riggitano gave his 2013 Budget Outlook and noted that a true township assessment was not available due to Superstorm Sandy. Revenues were right on target, with two items standing out. The Building Department had a few big projects and the Municipal Court had a good fiscal fourth quarter (through incurred fines and charged penalties). Riggitano added that the cash surplus of \$3 million had not yet been confirmed. Approximately \$150,000 in surplus was being used each year with plans to continue. The capital improvement fund held \$50,000, which meant that the town could bond up to \$1 million, if needed. Riggitano closed by saying that the township finances had been handled responsibly by both the Township Committee and the individual departments; so the township is off to a good start.

Police Chief Robert Flannelly reported that the department had stayed within the confines of the \$85,000 budget last year with a spending total of \$72,000. Flannelly added that two police vehicles were due to retire and needed to be replaced. The department practices a rotating lease and requested approval to acquire two new trucks. Police

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## Rochelle Park Police Arrest 3

On February 5, at approximately 1 pm, Alfred Vallejo entered Mr Brunos Pizza on West Passaic Street in Rochelle Park and attempted to pass a counterfeit \$100 dollar bill while purchasing two slices of pizza. Alfred Vallejo fled to an awaiting car when questioned by the owner. The owner called police and the vehicle was stopped on Rochelle Avenue by Rochelle Park Police Officer Edward Kukalski.

During an investigation it was determined that the driver, Jessi Bajana, and the passenger, Roman Diego, were in possession of marijuana. Detectives Depreta and Bermudez interviewed the subjects and found them to be in possession of additional counterfeit \$100 dollars bills. It was also determined that earlier in the day the subjects passed counterfeit bills at a Toys R Us store in Paramus and the Marshalls store in Paramus. The subjects also passed additional counterfeit bills at an unknown pizza place in Hackensack. All subjects are from Elmhurst Queens NY.



As a result of the arrests Alfred Vallejo (l.) was charged with Forgery and Criminal Attempt and remanded to the Bergen County Jail; Jessi Bajana (middle) was charge with possession of Counterfeit Funds and remanded to the Bergen County Jail; Roman Diego (r.) was charged with possession of marijuana under 50 grams and released. The investigation is ongoing



# Talk of the Town



**HONOR NAMES:** *Roxanne Mollica, Emily Rivera, and Salazar* of Maywood, have been named to the Dickinson University's Dean's List for the Fall semester...*Alexis Abdelnour and Kimberly Miller* of Maywood, have been named to the Fairleigh Dickinson University's Honors List for the Fall 2012 Semester.

## Maywood Avenue School

### Second Marking Period Honor Roll at MAS

Following Maywood Avenue School students Honor Roll status for their scholastic achievement second marking period of school year. Our school is proud in honoring any accomplishments by students, especially those students who achieve high standards.

#### SIXTH GRADE

##### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Anusha Ahmed, Amma Aning, Zayn Babar, Soana Matt Bansil, Joseph Calocino, Peter Carpentier, Anthony Cavo, Abbey Mae Corpuz, Gabrielle DeMaio, Fajvan, Caleigh Golabek, Ryan Goyenechea, Gimsland, Daniel Harrington, Tehmina Islam, Jordan, Hailey Liz, Nicholas Lombardi, Victoria L. Brianna Mathurin, Caroline Molina, Natasha Moya, Maya Rutkowski, Jenna Silverman, Nastassja

##### SIXTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Kyle Arcilla, Justin Bendezu, Devin Bommari-Cucciniello, Rayyan Dana, Souha Dana, Joseph De, Stephan Fajvan, Leah Gomez, Eric Hernandez, Huie, Joshua Kim, Brandon Lupetti, Jessica Morales, Radhika Seshadri, Shannon Taylor, Afrona Tozluku, Gracey Westlake

##### SEVENTH GRADE

##### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Kevin Burns, Giovanni Campillo-Ciccone, Natanael, Samantha Comes, Alexis Ebue, Alexander E, Jake Juceam, Yasoda Mantena, Lucia Mosca, Oleschuk, Michael Schlimmer, Corey Schultz, Sloan, Kira Stathis

##### SEVENTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

Malek Abedrabouh, Zachary Baker, Peter Batisa-Campillo-Ciccone, Hepsiba Chettupalli, Grace William D'Elia, Christine DeSomma, Rhys DiStaryn Eisenberg, Maria Escobar, Gianna Gervino, Franko, Mary Hull, Anton Kiryako, Mary Kiryako, Ruegel, Kaylee Landrigan, Nancy Li, Yash Patel, Pie Pizza, Jessica Sanzo, Angelina Scozzafava, Steidle, Jack Stuart, Arianna Tavarez, Jeffrey Triar Valdivia, Arianna Young

##### EIGHTH GRADE

##### DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL

Bianca Acot, Lauren Ballerini, Samuel Bianco, Blas, Jenett Cheng, Theresa Ciralo, Kayla Cotna Cucciniello, Nicholas Edis, Shally Ilama, Curialiffe, Alexander Panayotof, Jessica Williams

##### EIGHTH GRADE HONOR ROLL

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to reach their ultimate goal, a novel entitled, "40 Years In A Day".

Rodriguez and Vigorito researched, collected stories from family members, attended conferences, took writing classes, all to put together the perfect historical novel based on Rodriguez's idea. Over the years, the women had heard many a tale from their elders. Some of the stories were fascinating and sometimes even unbelievable. The task of piecing together the puzzle of tales was daunting, but one that the budding authors took on with vigor. At times, Rodriguez noted, "We were forced to conjure up our own conclusions from pieces of stories and then add a dose of sensationalism to make it more interesting." As their work evolved, the fictional story of a family and their trials and triumphs over several decades started to take shape.



The historical novel begins in Italy in the year 1900 where the main character, Victoria, and her four children escape from Italy and arrive on the streets of New York, specifically Hell's Kitchen. Years later, on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Victoria's eldest son, Vincenzo Montanaro (based on Rodriguez's own father) shares the "gut-wrenching account of the family's lives" with his daughter. The cover of the soon-to-be-released novel depicts an older gentleman sitting on a park bench with a girl and the Statue of Liberty in the foreground on what appears to be a grey, cold day in New York.

After seven years of hard work, writing and re-writing, and then another year in production, "40 Years In A Day" will be released on February 19. Rodriguez said she learned that there is a definite formula on how to write a book and the work that comes with seeing it through to the end. After completing the draft, going through multiple revisions, then pitching their story to agents, an editor really liked the idea and worked with the women. After a few more minor tweaks, Tate Publishing "went with it", said Rodriguez. Pre-release copies of the book are currently available through Tate Publishing, Nikki's Hallmark in Maywood, and Bookends in Ridgewood. You can pre-order the novel on Amazon, Barnes and Noble or Powell's. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Children's Aid Society of New York. Rodriguez stated that her father lived in Hell's Kitchen and the Children's Aid Society played an important part in their lives.

Looking back now, as her book is about to be published, Rodriguez gently laughs as she recalls wanting to give up at times during the long process. But the desire to write a book was stronger and the authors prevailed and are now currently working on a sequel which "will take six cousins into the next forty years", declared Rodriguez happily.

Rodriguez's twin sons, Joel and David, although not living locally (Joel resides in New York and David in San Francisco) were a constant source of support and believed in their mother's venture. Joel had this to say about his mom's upcoming book, "My mother dove deep into the history of her Italian family to unearth the stories, culture and sentiments that would become the foundation for the characters, the setting and dialog in "Forty Years in a Day." Joel continued, "Her connection to her family who immigrated to America gives the book an authenticity and charm that makes it feel like a classic historical novel."



## Woman's Club Offers Scholarships

The Woman's Club of Maywood is offering several scholarship awards to Maywood college bound seniors male or female. Applications are available at the Guidance Office of Hackensack High School, Our Town, Maywood Library and several other area schools. Applications and required information must be in the hands of the scholarship chairman by April 1, 2013.

The scholarships will be awarded at the club's Awards Night on April 18th, 7:00pm at the Senior Recreation Center, Duvier Place in Maywood. Any questions please call Education Chairman Martha De Young at 201-843-6025.

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birthday in the hospital, Caravoulias was not to be kept down.

Caravoulias loves to read, when he is not out walking or attending a function at one of the many organizations that he is still involved with. He is still an active member at St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church in Paramus, the Maywood Veterans of Foreign War and an International Men's Group A.H.E.P.A., where he still attends meetings.

Caravoulias is the last sibling left in his family having lost his three brothers; but his family is still growing. Along with Andruilli, Caravoulias has a son, Jim, who lives in Pennsylvania; and he is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, with the youngest just four months old.

## Pre-School Registr...

The Maywood School District is accepting applications for three and four year old students in the pre-school Program for the 2013-2014 school year. The pre-school Program incorporates the education of children with general education following general education curriculum. Students are placed in the pre-school program following an evaluation process performed by the District.

The following menu at the... for February 22:

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