

NEWS BRIEFS

Rotaract Club holds celebration dinner

PUTNAM — The Quinebaug Valley Regional Rotaract Club held its Inaugural Celebration Dinner on Tuesday, June 10, at Connecticut National Golf Club in Putnam.

More than 40 people attended to honor Rotaract scholarship recipients and community partners, present donations to local organizations, and induct incoming officers.

"I am overjoyed with how successful this year has been for the Rotaract Club," said Rotaract President Crystal DiZazzo. "The community has been extremely supportive of our goals and events, which we truly appreciate, and I believe we will continue to grow and create a positive difference in the years to come."

The Rotaract Club is a community service and professional networking organization for young professionals (ages 18 to 35) co-sponsored by the Putnam and Danielson Rotary Clubs and committed to the Rotary model of "Service Above Self."

The Rotaract Club raised more than \$3,700 for its scholarship fund at its First Annual Rotaract Trivia Night on Nov. 11, 2013. After an application process, the club selected four local students in recognition of their community involvement, academic achieve-

ments and extracurricular activities. Each student will receive a \$500 college scholarship.

Scholarship recipients are: Woodstock Academy student Emily Becher, who will attend Eastern Connecticut State University this fall; and Killingly High School students Zane Cook, who will attend University of Connecticut this fall; Mikayla Pasco, who will attend Roger Williams University this fall; and Kelsey Rioux, who will attend Rhode Island College this fall.

Next on the Celebration Dinner agenda was donation presentations to Daily Bread and Day Kimball Hospital's Deary Memorial Cancer Fund. The donations stemmed from the Rotaract club's 2nd Annual Celebrity Bartender Night, held April 17. The event raised \$3,600. The club donated \$1,800 each to organization.

Based in Putnam, Daily Bread Food Pantry is a client choice food pantry that provides emergency and supplemental food assistance, as well as personal care items, for individuals in Northeastern Connecticut. The Deary Memorial Cancer Fund provides cancer-related services or routine screening examinations to individuals in our community who otherwise may not have the financial resources available to obtain medical attention.

The club recognized Citizens National Bank

President David Conrad and WINY Radio 1350 AM owners Gary and Karen Osbrey with Community Partnership Awards. Conrad served as "Trivia Master" at the club's Trivia Night event. The Osbrey's have been enthusiastic supporters of the Rotaract club and have participated in every club event.

The club also recognized Jeffrey Rawson and Ronald Coderre with Special Appreciation Awards. As Rotary Club advisors to the group, both have made significant contributions to the club.

The Celebration Dinner concluded with the induction of new officers for the 2014-15 year. Incoming officers are: President Emily Groves, Vice President Sarah Mortensen, Treasurer Jade Flynn, Secretary Rachel Locke, and Past President Crystal DiZazzo. Members are Alexandra Chase, Joseph DiCollella, Jacob Dykeman, Andy Morrison, Mallory Murray, Jessica Rawson and Bryan Smith.

New members interested in community service and professional networking are encouraged to join. The club's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. July 15 at J.D. Cooper's Restaurant. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/putnamrotaractclub.

The club's next focus will be on donating time to community service projects this summer. The club also plans to hold its 2nd Annual Trivia Night this fall.

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Jeannette Camara, 93

DANIELSON — Jeannette Perreault Blanchette Camara, 93, of Westfield Village, Danielson, formerly of Tampa, FL, passed away, June 5, 2014 at Pierce Memorial Baptist Home, Brooklyn after a short illness.

Born August 28, 1920, she was the daughter of the late Napoleon and Malvina (Provost) Perreault. W

She was the wife of the late Joseph Camara. He died in 2003. They were married in 1968.

She was a communicant of St. James Church and a former member of the Ladies of St. Anne.

She enjoyed her arts and crafts.

She worked for DANCO as Secretary of Production Control Office for 15 years and as a Unit Secretary for Day Kimball Hospital for 20 years.

She was predeceased by her first husband, Peter Blanchette, he died in 1966, they were married in 1951; seven brothers, Omer, Napoleon, Henry, Harvey, Louis, Eugene, Arthur Perreault; five sisters Rosalima Perreault, Malvina Cooney, Cora Jacobson, Rita Renaud, Pauline Lambert and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, June 14, in St. James Church, 12 Franklin Street, Danielson, CT. Burial at a later date in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to Hospice of NE CT, PO Box 632, Putnam, CT 06260.

To share a memory with her family, "Light a Candle" at www.gagnonandcostellofh.com.

Joseph Furchess, 51

NEW HAVEN, MO — Joseph "Todd" Furchess, 51, died Saturday May 31, 2014 in St. Louis Medical Center.

Todd, as he was known to his family and friends, was born in Aiken S.C., August 15, 1962. He spent a good portion of his life in Connecticut.

He was the son of Betty Furchess of Windham, Ct. and the late James Furchess, formally of Dayville, CT.

He was the loving companion and partner of Debbie Sullenstrup of New Haven, MO also a loving son, father, brother, and uncle.

In addition to his companion and his mother, he is survived by three sons: Robert Lavoie of Vermont, James Furchess of Connecticut, Matthew Furchess of New Haven, MO; one daughter, Heather Furchess of Ellington Conn.; three sisters, Ann Furchess of

Manchester, CT, Janice Nye and her husband Dave of Groton, CT, Barbara Barrs and her husband Tim of Lubbock TX; two brothers, John Brelsford and his wife Anna of Clarksville, TN, Steven Brelsford of Texas; two grandchildren, Stellar and Lily Lavoie of Vermont and several nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his stepmother Jane Furchess of Dayville.

He was predeceased by a brother, Larry Furchess and a sister, Donna Knapp.

He leaves behind many fond memories and a passion for taking care of his horses.

He was a volunteer for the New Haven, MO Fire Dept.

Arrangements are being handled by Bell Funeral Home 781 W. Union St Pacific, MO, (636) 257-2112.

Sr. Bernice King, DHS, 85

PUTNAM — Sr. Bernice King, 85, a member of the Daughters of the Holy Spirit, died on Monday, June 9, 2014 at Holy Spirit Health Care Center where she had been in residence since December 2013.

Born Bernice Yvonne King on October 3, 1928 in North Conway, NH, she was the daughter of David and Rose (Boulais) King.

She entered religious life in 1960 in Putnam, CT and made her religious profession at Holy Spirit Provincial House there on June 1, 1962. She was then known as Sr. Rose Bernice.

She was a teacher on the elementary level from 1962-1969. She obtained a B.A. in 1972 and taught that year at Putnam Catholic Academy in the Business Department. In 1973 she became Secretary to the Provincial Treasurer. In 1977 she was assigned to Newport, RI where she served as Secretary to St. Clare Home there. From 1983-86 she served again as teacher on the elementary level.

In 1989 she served as Clerk Typist at

the State Office of Policy & Management in Hartford until 1999 at which time she became Clerical Worker in the Provincial Treasurer's Office at Holy Spirit Provincial House in Putnam until her retirement there in early 2010. She was admitted to Holy Spirit Health Care Center in 2013.

She is survived by 2 brothers, David and George King, both of Oakland, Maine and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours at the Provincial House in Putnam will be on Thursday June 12, 2014, from 6-8 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 7:15 p.m. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday June 13, 2014, at the Provincial House at 11 a.m. Burial to follow in St. Mary Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the DHS Retirement fund, Holy Spirit Provincial House, 72 Church St., Putnam, CT 06260.

Gilman Funeral Home, 104 Church St., Putnam, CT is directing the arrangements.

For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

Wayne W. Wells, 71



MYSTIC — Wayne W. Wells, 71, of Mystic, CT, died Wednesday, June 4, 2014, at home.

He leaves his children, Wesley Wells and his wife Donna of Mystic, Steven Wells of Mystic, Robert Levesque and

his wife Brenda of Millbury, MA, John Marszalkowski of Putnam, Edward Marszalkowski of Florida, Marty Marszalkowski and his wife Dawn of Jewett City, CT, Rose Marie Board and her husband Lynn of Florida and Theresa Marszalkowski of North Carolina; one brother, David Wells of South Carolina; one sister, Pearl Barton and her husband Jimmy of South Carolina; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; nieces and neph-

ews. Wayne was born in Willimantic, CT, son of the late Frank and Rosena (Fargo) Wells and lived in Jewett City before moving to Mystic twenty years ago.

He was a United States Navy veteran of Vietnam.

He was retired and had worked at Electric Boat in Groton.

He enjoyed working in the yard.

There are no calling hours. Funeral services and burial are private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701.

Shaw-Majercik Funeral Home, 48 School Street, Webster is directing arrangements.

A guest book is available at www.shaw-majercik.com.

Edward J. Wozniak, 82

CENTRAL VILLAGE — Edward Joseph Wozniak, 82, of Central Village passed away at home June 1, 2014.

He was a life member of Central Village Fire Department.

He was an operating engineer for 37 years with Local Union 478, retiring in 1993.

Edward was a communicant of All Hallows Church in Moosup.

He enjoyed grooming his yard and relaxing with his dog Quinn.

He loved cruising in his lowrider red chevy pickup truck.

He is survived by four sons, Kenneth Wozniak of Hartford and his son Nathan of Alexandria, VA, Steven Wozniak and wife Virginia of Moosup and their

two children Sabrina and Gabriel, Michael Wozniak and wife Kim of North Carolina and his son Chris of Ashford, CT and Scott Wozniak and wife Donna of Central Village; two brothers, Stanley Wozniak of Stonington and Teddy Wozniak of Holly Hill, FL and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother Walter Wozniak.

He will be greatly missed.

A Graveside Service was held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. at All Hallows Cemetery, Moosup.

Tillinghast Funeral Home, 25 Main Street, Danielson, directed the arrangements.



DAYVILLE — Frances Schachter Kornbluth of North Grosvenordale, Connecticut, and Monhegan Island, Maine, died on May 26, 2014, in Dayville, Connecticut.

Born in New York City on July 26, 1920, she would have turned 94 on her birthday in July.

She was the oldest of three children. Her younger brother, Arlan, and her husband, Marvin "Bud" Kornbluth, predeceased her.

Frances graduated from Brooklyn College in 1940 with a degree in music.

During World War II, she worked in Washington D.C. for the Office of Strategic Services, and in 1942, she married Buddy Kornbluth, who fought with the U.S. Army in Europe.

After the war, they had two children together and lived in Merrick, New York.

She taught kindergarten and, later in her life, worked with creatively gifted children. She also taught classes in art and/or education at a number of colleges and universities, including the University of Connecticut, Adelphi University, and Hofstra University, along with Annhurst, Dowling and Mills colleges.

When she enrolled in a local art workshop near her home on Long Island, she began what was to become a long and distinguished career as a visual artist. From 1955-1959, she attended the Brooklyn Museum Art School where she studied with William Kienbusch and Rueben Tam. In 1962, she earned her Masters Degree at Pratt Institute.

Theresa M. Lajoie, 85



N. GROSVENORDALE — Theresa (Larose) Lajoie, 85, of Main Street, died Thursday, June 5, 2014 in Matulaitis Nursing Home.

She was the loving wife of the late Philip O. Lajoie for 61 years.

Born in Thompson, she was the daughter of the late Adelard and Emma (Dutremble) Larose.

Mrs. Lajoie worked as a weaver for Cluett Peabody. She was a housekeeper for St. Joseph Church, Gilman & Valade Funeral Homes and several private homes.

She was a long time communicant of St. Joseph Church where she and her husband Philip volunteered countless

hours in service to their church.

Theresa is survived by her loving and devoted son, Raymond P. Lajoie and his wife Danielle of Putnam; her grandchildren, Rebecca, Emma, and Matthew; and several nephews and nieces.

She was predeceased by her sisters, the late Beatrice Larose, and Doris LaBonte.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, June 11 in St. Joseph Church, 20 Main St., N. Grosvenordale. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Church, P.O. Box 897, North Grosvenordale, CT 06255.

The Valade Funeral Home, 23 Main St., N. Grosvenordale CT, directed the arrangements.

For memorial guestbook, visit www.GilmanAndValade.com.

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