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Happy New Year—Welcome 2018

Frankford's "New Academic Opportunity"

By Pat Smiley

Once you work in the education field, you never ever retire because teaching and learning becomes a part of who you are. It was a real pleasure as well as refreshing to meet Jessica Hasben, the CEO of Qor Charter School.

Once you meet Jessica, too, you'll find that she does indeed have that passion for children and their education that you, too, become a believer and hope that she does indeed succeed.

Jessica has taught in many different academic settings and in most of them, she has found lacking a real commitment to encouraging the growth of the whole child.

When Jessica was growing up in SW Philadelphia, she was a good student but there was a lack of support, too, and I would venture to say a lack of expectations as well.

Jessica wanted to be seen for who she was – that good student but also for someone to recognize her other talents but she felt invisible. She was just sitting in a desk – just another somebody to be taught. That experience can be so hard to overcome.

But Jessica did overcome those obstacles and once she graduated, she felt her future possibilities included teaching and maybe, one day, having the power and position to run a school of her own. So Jessica continued her own education. She earned a B.S. in Psychology from St. Joseph's University and is present-



Jessica and Lamar Hasben

ly enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School of Education: School and Mental Health Program.

Jessica's focus in her studies has also been how to equip students not only with the learning skills they need but also with the other skills needed for success and so often forgotten, such as self-esteem, a sense of belonging, how to communicate and resolve issues, teamwork, setting goals for themselves, etc. which can motivate them during challenging times.

So many young people are at risk today and need a "champion". Jessica wants to be that champion and create a school culture of acceptance, respect and a focus on each student and his/her particular needs.

Qor Charter School has submitted their application to the School District of Philadelphia. They will be making a presentation very soon so that their

dreams and plans become a reality.

Already reaching out to the community, there was an information event held on Saturday, Dec. 16, 2-4 PM at Simpson Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St. in Frankford. It was very well attended. Another meeting is planned for January of 2018. The date and time will be announced on the Frankford Gazette web page. If approved, Qor Charter School would open in the old St. Joachim School and eventually serve children in grades K-4 with a total of 312 students. St. Joachim is located at 4290 Penn St.

We also met her husband, Lamar, who is in real estate and construction, which is a real asset to someone running a school. You can tell that this couple supports each other and cares about our community.

As you can imagine, an endeavor of this type takes a great deal of time to put together. 2018-

2019 will be a planning year with school opening for the 2019-2020 year. For the most impact, Jessica believes Qor must start with the primary students – the young students as this is where you can do the most good. The curriculum is geared to students known as "at risk" – those who need those extra supports that really every child needs. Each classroom will have a Lead Teacher and an Assistant.

This is an ongoing story that we will happily follow for you. We are rooting for Jessica and Lamar and the Qor Charter School because we believe that each and every child deserves the best education they can get because so much depends on it – their own feelings of success and happiness and the community's as well. We need our young people; we are counting on their ideas, energies and passion to take us forward.

Jessica had a meeting with the School District. Based on the positive response and support she feels from the community, Jessica asks us to take time and email them and tell them that you support Qor Charter School's application and write a sentence why. Be sure to mention "Qor Charter School" so they know who you're talking about. This is the address SRC@philasd.org

If you would like more information regarding Qor Charter School, please contact Jessica Hasben at jhasben@qorcharterschool.org

15th District PDAC Thanks Cops for Their Service

By Joe Taylor

On Saturday December 2nd, the 15th District PDAC (Police District Advisory Council) held its annual holiday meal to thank and honor the police officers of the 2nd and 15th District. Coordinating this special event was **Pete Specos**, Treasurer of the 15th PDAC.



Pete Specos

He started his day around 4 am preparing the meatballs. He loaded the truck with all the necessary food and supplies and set off to set up for this special event at the District headquarters on Levick Street.



Joe Taylor, Mike Barrone, Maureen Taylor and Joe Valecce

The menu also included cooked ham, donated by **Dietz & Watson**. The vegetables were corn and green beans. **Chickie's & Pete's** provided all you could eat wings, chicken fingers and their famous crab fries. The cake was from **Four Season's restaurant**.

The event lasted long enough (about 18 hours) to allow the police officers from all the shifts to dine at this special feast. All of the police officers who attended were very thankful and very appreciative for this meal.

helped with the serving were **Joe Valecce**, President, **Mike Barone**, **Maureen Taylor** and **Joe Taylor**.

It was our special way of saying **Thank You** to all the police officers who put on the uniform every day to help protect and serve our community.



Other members of the 15th PDAC that

Yesteryear

We will not, we shall not,
Let passion of yesteryear dictate.

The time has come, when we must run, and add
technology into this race.

The sweat and tears of yesteryear, has gotten us
to this place.

Let us not return to the old ways, but learn to
pick up the pace.

Let not the past, but the future, be the only thing
we allow time to dictate.

Now it's time, to say goodbye-to the old, and
welcome in the new-to take its place.

IN THIS NEW YEAR
TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lenny Jaynes

Frankford NAC Busy Night

By Christine DeJesus

Frankford NAC zoning meeting was busy on December 12th as it heard 5 cases and ruled on one no show.

5127 Duffield Street- Case was dismissed since applicant failed to show.

5216 Horrocks Street- family daycare to group daycare- 13 approved it.

4562 Hawthorne Street - 1 opposed (Car repair)

4250 Torresdale Avenue - non opposition (Auto locksmith)

4623 Mulberry Street- Triplex - 2 approved no opposed

2021 Orthodox Street - 10 foot high fence approved by 2 votes

The next meeting of the Frankford NAC zoning group will be held on January 11, 2018 at 4667 Paul Street.

Why Does a Restaurant Need Bullet Proof Glass

By Bob Smiley

It isn't really about restaurants though. It's about Stop and Go stores that are operating with an LCB license for a restaurant. If they did not have that license, they would not be selling beer and liquor by the shot. So, if they are doing that in violation of the regulations, their license should be revoked. End of story.



Well, no, not in Pennsylvania. For some reason, the LCB finds it impossible to enforce that regulation. It actually falls to the State Police and must be a low priority to them. Why the LCB can't do it themselves has never been explained.



There has been a lot of controversy over the bill sponsored by Philadelphia City Councilwoman Bass that attempts to do what the State and LCB have never done, which is regulate these stores. Sounds like a good idea. Somebody should do something. However, included in the bill is a requirement to take down the bullet proof glass in those places. That is an overreach that just clouds this issue.



I understand how people feel when they go into a place where the cashier is in a cage.

It makes you feel like you are in an unsafe neighborhood. Makes you feel unwelcome and untrusted. It makes me want to stay away from that store and that is what people should do.

If people are robbing the corner stores at gunpoint, it is unsafe but it shouldn't be the government who decides what a business needs. If you don't like the store with the bullet proof glass with the cashier in a cage, stay away. When enough people do that, the business will go away too.

Pictured are **some** of the places in Frankford, operating with an LCB Restaurant license.

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Name — Branch

Veteran of the Month

Name — Branch

Berry, Kenny* - Army
 Berry, William* - Army
 Beverly, Bill - Army
 Birch, Bernadette - Army
 Birch, James* - Army
 Birch, Roger* - Navy
 Birch, Tony - Army
 Blackiston, John* - Marines
 Bohn, Matthew* -
 Bohn, Gilbert* -
 Borum, Ron - Army
 Boston, Richard - Air Force
 Bounds, William - Air Force
 Bowen, Harold* - Army
 Bowen, Howard - Army
 Bowen, Wayne - Army
 Boyd, Calvin - Air Force
 Boyd, Ricky - Army
 Bradsberry, Darrell - Army
 Brady, Charles - Army
 Brantley, Jeffrey* - Army
 Brantley, Kim - Army
 Brantley, Leon - Army
 Brantley, Leonard* - Navy
 Brennan, Mike* - Army
 Brophy, John - Air Force
 Brophy, John W.* - Navy
 Brock, Walter* - Army
 Brook, Gloria J. - Army
 Brooks, Albert W.* - Army



Brooks, James - Army
 Brooks, John Henry - Army
 Brooks, Kenny - Army
 Brown, Robert - Army
 Bryant, Doug - Air Force
 Budd, Linwood* - Army
 Burke, Andre - Marines
 Burke, Frederick* - Navy
 Burke, Kareem - Navy
 Burke, Kenneth - Army
 Burke, Robert - Marines
 Butler, Cordell - Marines
 Butler, Jessie* - Army
 Byer, Harold G. (Butch)* - Army
 Byers, Donald* - Army
 Bynum, Jim - Army
 Campbell, Ronald E.* - Army
 Carleo, Louis - Air Force
 Carr Jr., Clancey - Army
 Carter, Christine - Navy
 Carter, Curt - Navy
 Carter, Ollie - Marines
 Charleston, Winston - Army
 Cherry, Frank - Army
 Chippey, William - Army
 Clair, James* - Army
 Clodfelter, Jon - Army
 Cole, Clayton - Marines
 Cole Jr., Clayton - Navy
 Coleman, Floyd R. - Marines

*Veteran is deceased

**Veteran died in service

Robert L. Cupit

Robert L. Cupit was born on March 7th 1957 in the City of Brotherly Love. Rob, as he was known, went to Clymer Elementary School, Stetson Junior High School and then West Philadelphia High School. He also attended Penn State University and Community College.

Rob was baptized at an early age. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in December of 1979 and was discharged in December of 1987. He took his Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas where he finished his tour of duty. Rob received various awards and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant (E4). After serving his duty, Rob was employed by Xerox Corp. Cintas and Herr's Potato Chip Company. He then became a law court officer.

Rob was a very active type of person, involving himself in various community projects such as the Y.M.C.A., the Boys and Girls Club and is now serving at the Lloyd C. Wilson American Legion Post 224 as the Post Judge Advocate. Rob, in his spare time, loves playing chess, shooting pool, basketball and TV football games. Rob has had many challenges in his life but has managed to defeat them all and move forward. He is achieving his goals in his life.

Robert L. Cupit: Fly on, Brother, and thank you for your service.

Frankford High Shows Off Expanded Arts Curriculum

By Bob Smiley

Thursday night, December 14th, was the big one for a lot of the students at Frankford High School as family, friends, alumni and the public streamed into the main entrance to take in the presentations.

The Program was well organized and used all of the first floor of the main building for every kind of art display

and performances starting at 5 PM.

This was the first of what is to be an annual event for the school. I took a walk about for a half hour and recorded the videos which are available on our YouTube channel.

Alums who have not been to the school for a while might enjoy a walk down memory



One display of photography



Frankford Voices

lane. The video does not show everything that would have taken the full 2 hours and I had to be at another meeting but I think I got a feel for it and recorded the Frankford Voices doing 2 songs, Shekynah Martin, Bre Reyes and Lalla Weems doing their songs.

There were video productions in the auditorium, more Frankford Voices, and other

solos that I missed. There should be other videos recorded by others out on social media.

Congratulations to Doctor Michael Calderone on a great job and to all those who worked so hard to put this together.

Looking forward to next year.

Have a Pretzel

You can get a really good pretzel, right here in Frankford. It's up at 5331 Oxford Avenue.

Pretzel Works has been there a long time baking pretzels and bagels for commercial customers. Mike Nalsky, the owner, decided to open up a storefront window for people to buy retail and I stopped by to see what was happening.

The pretzels are the old time Philadelphia style soft pretzels. They are very good and you can pick up some bagels while you are at it. The bagels are really good also.

Pretzels are 3 for 2 dollars. Toppings are available. Drop in and see those guys, say hello, have a pretzel. Open Monday through Friday from 6 AM to 2 PM. 215-288.4002.




Pretzel Works—5331 Oxford Avenue



Representative Jason Dawkins visits the Frankford Chargers cheer leaders before their departure for the AYC National Championship

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Friends of Overington Park - Tue, January 2, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, Friends Meeting House, 1500 Orthodox Street - The group maintains and supports Overington Park at Orthodox and Leiper Streets. This park has been resurrected and now hosts events almost every month of the year but it can't do it without your active participation. New members needed. Join us the first Tuesday of the month. We meet in the Park from May to September.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, January 4, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Grand Army of the Republic Museum Open House - Sun, January 7, 2018, 12pm – 5pm, 4278 Griscom Street - Presentation at 1:30 PM:

Neighborhood Advisory Committee Meeting - Thu, January 11, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, 4667 Paul St,

MLK Day of Service in Tacony Creek Park - Mon, January 15, 2018, 10am – 1pm, Tacony Creek Park - We're hosting a volunteer park cleanup in Tacony Creek Park for Martin Luther King Day of Service. We will spend time cleaning up trash and clearing debris from the trails. Dress warmly, work gloves will be provided.

At 12:00pm volunteers will be invited inside New Life Church across the street for a free pizza lunch and a watershed environmental education lesson led by TTF Watershed and the Philadelphia Wooden Boat Factory.

Students seeking to fulfill community service hours are welcome to bring their paperwork to be signed by TTF staff for their volunteer service.

Bring the family, bring your friends!
Contact robin@ttfwatershed.org to register, 215-744-1853

Northwood Civic Association Meeting - Tue, January 16, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, Simpson. Recreation Center, 1010 Arrott St

15th Police District PSA1 Meeting - Thu, January 25, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, Aria Hospital, 4900 Frankford Ave

Senior Breakfast - Tue, January 30, 2018, 8am – 10am, Aria Health, Frankford - 2nd floor cafeteria Aria will provide our community seniors with monthly, insightful tips and information on issues that are directly affecting you and your health. Breakfast will be provided free of charge. To reserve your seat call 1-877-808-2742 and then press 2.

Frankford Civic Association Meeting - Thu, February 1, 2018, 7pm – 8pm, St Mark's Church Frankford, 4442 Frankford Avenue

Winter Programming at Frankford Library from January 2018-March 2018

Teen Third Thursdays

Crafts, games and fun for *Teens Only*. - 3rd Thursday of the month | 4:30 p.m.— January 18, February 15, March 15

Adult/Teen Laptop Lounge

Brush up on your computer skills using our in-house laptops with our Digital Resource Specialist. Space may be limited.
Mondays 5:30p-6:30p - January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

Resume Open Lab

Need help with your resume. Come to our resume open lab with extended laptop time. - Thursdays 11a-1p - January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22

Wii Wednesdays with Vince

Come play your favorite Wii games with Mr. Vince. For Teens and school-aged kids. 4th Wednesday of the month | 4:30 p.m. - January 24, February 28, March 28

Frankford Library Minecraft Club

Come build and play *Minecraft* with other kids, ages 8 to 12. Your host will be librarian Mr. Pagán. We'll be playing in peaceful mode only! Call or stop by to sign up. - Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - January 13, February 10, March 10

Preschool Storytime with Mr. Pagán

Preschoolers and their caregivers are welcome to come to listen to stories, do finger plays and sing songs with children's librarian Mr. Pagán. - First and third Tuesdays of every month at 11:00 AM - **January 2 and 16, February 6 and 20, March 6 and 20**

Frankford's Wednesday Movie of the Month

Come the second Wednesday of every month and watch a fun family movie hosted by librarian Mr. Pagán. Come one time, or all the time! - Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., January 10, February 14, March 14

Frankford's Lego Playtime

Come to build with our Lego collection along other kids ages 6 to 12. Your host will be children's librarian Mr. Pagán. Call or stop by to sign up. - Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. - January 27, February 24, March 24

Block Building Parties

Block Party!? Wooden Block Party in the library. - On the first Wednesday of the month, join librarian Mr. Pagán to build whatever you want with our collection of over 2,000 blocks, signs and figures! Children ages 4 and up are encouraged to build, create, and play! Come one time, or all the time. - Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m., January 3, February 7, March 7

Lectura bilingüe de cuentos infantiles Spanish/English Bilingual Storytime

For children and their parents. Read by librarian Mr. Pagán. The third Wednesday of every month. Come one time, or all the time. - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. - January 17, February 21, March 21

Para niños y sus padres. Leído por el bibliotecario Sr. Pagán. El tercer miércoles de cada mes. Vengan una vez o todas las veces que quieran. - Miércoles a las 6:00 p.m., 17 de enero, 21 de febrero, 21 de marzo

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Church Office: 215-288-2748

Email: campbella.m.e.frankford@gmail.com

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Schedule will begin Monday, January 9th

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