

# Through service, Bucks Links chapter remembers King

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s message of hope and social justice rang with honor in Central Bucks County Monday, Jan. 18.

For more than a decade, the Bucks County Chapter of The Links, Incorporated has joined forces with the historic Second Baptist Church of Doylestown to celebrate the legacy of a man who defined a movement by actively giving to communities in need.

General Electric and the local chapters of Jack & Jill and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority joined the group in a Day of Service. The unified effort made the MLK Jr. holiday truly a day on, to work and to share, and not just a day off.

To see such a diverse group of volunteers coming together to help others not only exemplifies Dr. King's vision, but also, aligns



Links Bucks County Chapter President Tayna Longino, and members Kathleen Holt-Whyte and Annette Kelton.

with the impactful community service efforts the Bucks County Links have been committed to performing since the chapter began almost 50 years ago" said Dr. Patricia Louise Grant, who spearheaded the Day of Service.

The activities once again were held at the Second Baptist Church of Doylestown, 6055 Swamp Road, Fountainville, where donations of clothes, children's books, stuffed animals and canned goods were received.

Volunteers packaged clothing, including men's and women's business suits, for Cradles to Crayons (Conshohocken), A Woman's Place (Doylestown), and Greater Works Love Fellowship Tabernacle Thrift Shop (Bensalem).

Nonperishable breakfast bags with card inserts handmade by

the volunteers were assembled for delivery to Aid for Friends and Synergy. Boxes packed to the brim with books sorted for delivery to Bucks County Housing Group. No-sew fleece blankets made by volunteers, and gently used stuffed animals were packaged for A Woman's Place and CodeBlue. Another part of the day was spent at Grundy Hall in Doylestown Township, where volunteers served the residents a warm meal.

"The Program of Remembrance where children sang and played their instruments in honor of Dr. King truly warmed my heart," said Tayna Longino, president of the Bucks County Chapter.



Children and adults take part on the Day of Service in honor of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## Hilltown native assumes command of CID Unit Hampton Roads

**Carla M. McCarthy, Center for Information Dominance Public Affairs, U.S. Navy**

The Center for Information Dominance (CID) Unit Hampton Roads held a change of command ceremony, Dec. 1, at Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana Dam Neck Annex.

Guest speaker Rear Adm. Elizabeth Train, members of the unit, family, friends and colleagues celebrated the 26-month command tour of Capt. Harold E. Williams and welcomed Capt. Mark C. Kester, a Hilltown native, as the new commanding officer.

Capt. Maureen Fox, CID headquarters' commanding officer and the ceremony's presiding officer, praised Williams for his exceptional performance while managing a complex merger involving the integration of the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center (NMITC) and the Center for Information Dominance Learning Sites Norfolk and Dam Neck into one

cohesive command, CID Unit Hampton Roads. The merger brought together more than 250 staff personnel geographically dispersed over three locations.

"Over the last two years, Capt. Williams has taken all that was good in how we developed intelligence professionals – the precepts of excellence which have led to operational and tactical successes over the past decades of war – and expanded the portfolio," Fox said. "In 2013, then-NMITC taught 20 commands in intelligence. Today, CID Unit Hampton Roads teaches more than four times that – 81 courses – in intelligence, cryptology, information warfare and information technology."

Under Williams' leadership, more than 10,000 active and reserve students graduated from the command, and he credited his staff for the command's successes, including earning the 2013 and 2014 Manpower, Personnel, Training and Education Retention Excellence Award. He also was the

driving force behind revising the Information Dominance Mid-Career Course and establishing the Foreign Military Intelligence Collection Activities Course and the Information Dominance Basic Course.

As Kester assumed command of CID Unit Hampton Roads, he thanked Williams for a first-class turnover, and took the opportunity to discuss today's strategic environment and his commitment to the unit's mission and its people.

"Our graduates must have the skills that will allow them to excel, not only in today's active armed conflict, but also in the future, where our military will likely have adversaries who will challenge the technological advantage our military has enjoyed for so many decades," Kester said. "The passion and professionalism each and every one of you put into the training this command provides is critical in guaranteeing the Navy and joint operational forces maintain information dominance."

Kester, an intelligence officer and Bucks County native, takes command after 24 years of naval service. He comes to CID Unit Hampton Roads from his most recent assignment as the deputy director of intelligence at Joint Special Operations Command. In addition to serving in a variety of ashore and operational intelligence positions, he is the recipient of a number of leadership and intelligence community awards.

During the ceremony, Williams received the Legion of Merit for his performance as commanding officer of CID Unit Hampton

Roads from September 2013 to December 2015. His next tour will be as assistant chief of staff for intelligence at U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

Located at NAS Oceana Dam Neck Annex, CID Unit Hampton Roads delivers full-spectrum cyber information warfare, intelligence, and information technology training to Information Dominance Corps and joint service professionals from other warfare disciplines, to enable assured command and control, battlespace awareness, and integrated fires across the range of military operations.

## "The Language Archive" comes to Bristol Riverside

The gulf between what's said and what isn't is at the heart of the comedy, "The Language Archive," by Julia Cho, at Bristol Riverside Theatre from Jan. 26 to Feb. 14.

Directed by Adam Immerwahr, the ensemble cast features Keith Baker, Irungu Mutu, Jo Twiss, Tiffany Villarín and Julianna Zinkel.

In the "lyrical, bittersweet comedy," George, a linguist consumed with preserving the dying languages of far-flung cultures, is losing his chance to preserve another language when its last two speakers refuse to talk to each other.

Cho's story, though, though, language is failing him. He doesn't know what to say to his wife,

Mary, to keep her from leaving him, and he doesn't recognize the deep feelings his lab assistant, Emma, has for him.

Playwright Cho also is the author of "The Piano Teacher," "Durango," "The Winchester House," "BFE," "The Architecture of Loss" and "99 Histories."

Previews begin Tuesday, Jan. 26, with opening night Thursday, Jan. 28. Performances run Wednesday through Sunday until Feb. 14.

Tickets start at \$32, with discounts for students, groups and military personnel. Tickets are available at [briststage.org](http://briststage.org) or 215-785-0100. Bristol Riverside Theatre is located at 120 Radcliffe St., Bristol.

## Heroin overdoses spike in Hunterdon County

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III released new statistics showing that the heroin epidemic in Hunterdon County is getting worse.

Hunterdon County had 40 overdoses reported by law enforcement in 2015 compared to 12 in 2014, which is a 333 percent increase. In 2015, there were 12 overdose fatalities compared to eight in 2014, a 50 percent increase. There was also a significant increase in overdoses among women.

"In 2015, police deployed Narcan 19 times and 16 people were saved," Kearns said. "Without

police administering Narcan, there may have been 16 more deaths."

Narcan, also known as Naloxone, is an aerosol that is administered just like a nasal spray. It blocks the effects of an opioid for a period of time.

The effects of an opiate can last up to four hours so overdose victims, even if revived by Narcan, still require medical attention. Hunterdon County Police Officers were trained and issued Narcan kits in 2014.

These facts and figures include law enforcement reported overdoses only (not hospital or emergency related overdoses).

## Family Service Helpline calls for volunteers

A few weeks ago, a young man gave up hope. He sat alone at his kitchen table, loaded his handgun and planned to take his own life. As a last grasp, he called the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and one of Family Service Association of Bucks County's volunteer listeners answered the phone. After keeping the young man on the line for more than an hour, the volunteer heard sounds in the background and asked what was going on. The young man said he was disassembling the gun so he could be safe. He also agreed to provide his location so emergency responders could help him remain safe.

A life was saved that day thanks to the volunteer listener. This type of call is not unique. Each and every day, Family Service

receives calls from people in distress via their CONTACT Helpline and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Family Service needs additional volunteers to answer the nearly 1,000 calls for help they receive each month.

Volunteers are everyday citizens who undergo classroom and on-the-job training until they are comfortable answering calls on their own. They give a minimum of eight hours a month answering the phones in call centers located in Bucks and Montgomery counties. The call centers are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., seven days a week.

Not all calls are from suicidal individuals. Some callers have limited social interactions and just want someone to hear their voice.

Others are struggling with anxiety or depression and don't know when to turn for help.

Right now, Family Service has approximately 40 volunteer listeners. Ideally, it needs 120 volunteers to adequately staff all shifts.

Volunteers can make a difference.

The next series of training classes for volunteers began on Jan. 19.

For more information or to register for training, contact Ellen Vinson, director of Volunteer Services, at [volunteer@fsabc.org](mailto:volunteer@fsabc.org) or (215) 757-6916, ext. 202. Volunteer applications are also available online at [www.fsabc.org/volunteer](http://www.fsabc.org/volunteer).

Family Service helped more than 24,000 children, teens and adults last year.

## A hundred women wanted for charitable group

Lynne Kelleher, a Newtown Home Marketing Center sales associate, recently started a Bucks County Chapter of 100 Women Who Care. The charitable organization, with more than 350 chapters worldwide, donates to organizations in need in their communities.

This Bucks County Chapter consists of 100 women who meet

four times a year, each donating \$100 to benefit a local charity. For every 100 women in the group, \$40,000 will be donated to local charities per year.

According to Kelleher, the charities they donate to must be a 301c3 and the money must stay in Bucks County. Some of the organizations they have donated to include A Woman's Place, St. Mary

Hospital's Mother Bachmann Maternity Clinic, Bucks County Opportunity Council, the RJ Leonard Foundation and Help Hope Live for Lauren Shevchek.

The chapter is looking for more women in order to meet the goal of at least 100. For more information about 100 Women Who Care or to join the Bucks County Chapter email [lynne@lynnekelleher.com](mailto:lynne@lynnekelleher.com).

# Police News

### Nockamixon

Burglary: Serapina's Café, 4010 Route 412, was burglarized between Jan. 11 and the early morning hours of Jan. 13. Entry was gained by drilling into the rear door of the business. Once inside, money was stolen from the register and access was gained to the front vestibule where the ATM was located. The front of the ATM was tampered with and then set on fire with cooking oil from within the business, police said.

### Quakertown

Cited: A male juvenile; Jan. 12; for allegedly smoking in the area of Park

Avenue and 8th Street.

**Arrested:** Jeffrey Keels, 18, of Allentown; Jan. 13; at 197B Richlandtown Pike on a warrant out of Lehigh County for theft and receiving stolen property of an automobile. He was turned over to Lehigh County detectives.

**Arrested:** Laura Russo, 37, of Quakertown; Jan. 14; after police were dispatched to the Bush House Hotel, 200 W. Broad St., for a disturbance. Police said her probation was violated and she was transported to Bucks County Prison.

**Cited:** Gene Wesier Jr., 53, of Quakertown; Jan. 14; after police

were dispatched to St. Luke's Hospital, 1021 Park Ave., for the report of a disturbance.

**Referred:** Two female juveniles; Jan. 14 to the YAP (Youth Aid Panel); for their alleged involvement in a physical altercation that occurred in the area of South 7th Street and Lafayette Drive.

**Cited:** Buffie Bickley, 45, of Quakertown; Jan. 16; for allegedly trespassing on the property at 128 E. Broad St. after having been previously warned by the manager that she is not allowed there. On Jan. 17, Bickley was arrested in the area of 99 N. West End Blvd. on a warrant out of Lehigh

County for failure to pay. She was temporarily housed in the Quakertown Police Department until turned over to the Lehigh County Sheriff's Department.

**Cited:** Allan Triminio, 32, of Quakertown; Jan. 16; for allegedly panhandling in the area of the Wine and Spirits store, 1465 W. Broad St.

### Richland

**Charged:** Robert Andrew Senkus, 38, of Quakertown; Jan. 1 with terroristic threat and harassment, after police were dispatched to the Bucks County Services Building on California Road on Dec. 18 for a disturbance

at the Probation Office.

**Charged:** Rihaz Z. Chughatta, 39, of Andover, N.J.; Jan. 6 with harassment by communication; after he allegedly continued his unwanted communication with the victim, a Richland Township resident.

**Arrested:** Sarah Ann Batchelder, 20, of Green Lane; Jan. 12 for retail theft; after she allegedly attempted to steal a laptop computer valued at \$339 from Walmart.

**Cited:** Khadijah Camille Celestine, 24, of Laurel, Md.; Jan. 15 for retail theft; after she allegedly attempted to steal \$102 in merchandise from Walmart.

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