



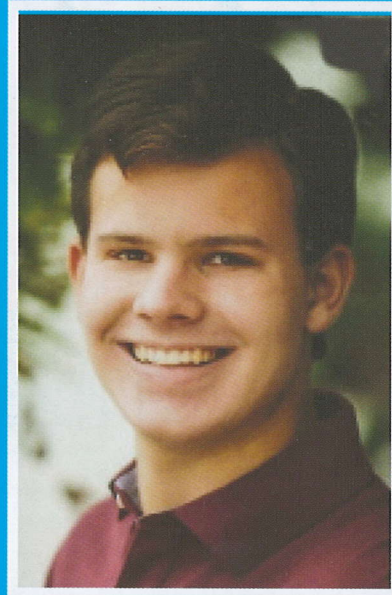
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Don't go broke paying for college

College can be expensive, but if you're careful, you don't have to let it overwhelm you. Here's what to consider when calculating the cost of a college education, according to *U.S. News & World Report*:

- **Look into financial aid.** Never assume you're not eligible for financial aid. Chances are there's at least some assistance available no matter what your income is. Apply for everything you can.
- **Don't rule out colleges based on the sticker price.** In most cases, students pay less—sometimes much less—than the full price. Grants and scholarships can reduce the cost considerably.
- **Don't pay third parties to search for scholarships.** Do your research on your own, at least a year before planning to enroll. You'll have to give up plenty of personal financial information to a third-party firm, which you may not be comfortable with. Look for free resources available from the College Board and other websites.
- **Apply early.** Some financial aid is offered on a first-come, first-served basis, so getting your application in early can give you an extra advantage.
- **Watch your email.** After you apply, pay close attention to your in box so you don't miss any important notifications, like requests for additional information.

Vehicle cost per mile

The AAA says, the average cost per mile for a vehicle driven 15,000 miles a year is about 81 cents . . . and is \$1.06 for a pickup truck like a Chevrolet Silverado.

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Mihaly Russin Scholarship Award

The Winner of 2023-2024 Mihaly Russin Scholarship:
Peter Hamann, Lodge 14

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This competitive scholarship awards \$1,000 per year, not to exceed three years is offered to students continuing toward a degree after completing four years of satisfactory college education on a full time basis.

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John Wanko RBO Past President

John A. Wanko passed away peacefully on February 6, 2024, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center. He was born in Bayonne to the late Lydia (nee: Perhach) and Andrew Wanko and was a long-time Bayonne resident, prior to relocating to Tinton Falls. He was 91.

A graduate of Jersey City State College and Seton Hall University, Mr. Wanko was employed by the Bayonne Board of Education for 46 years, serving as a teacher and guidance counselor. He later became a beloved principal for 26 years, known throughout the schools for his famous, musical ties.

He was a devoted member of the Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church community, where he served as President and Trustee. Wanko was installed as president of the Church in 1961 after serving as trustee. At the time, he was the youngest person to hold that position. He was a Past President of the Carpatho-Russian American Citizens Club, a member of the St. John's Society Lodge #100, and served as President of the NJ State RBO from 1966 to 1976. John later became the president of the national RBO, serving for 20 years, retiring in 2023. He was also active in many other organizations including the Bayonne Employees Federal Credit Union, the Bayonne Council Boy Scouts of America and the Bayonne Board of Adjustment and strongly supported the change of municipal government in 1965 from a commissioner form to a mayor-council form.

In the early 1970s Wanko petitioned the Hudson County government to establish a county-wide vocation education program, the creation of work-training centers foreshadowing by several decades the establishment of a county vocational school at Bayonne High School. Under his tenure Bayonne School's PS 14 earned a national Blue Ribbon Award.

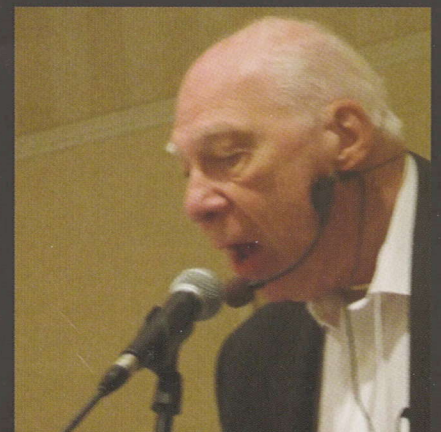
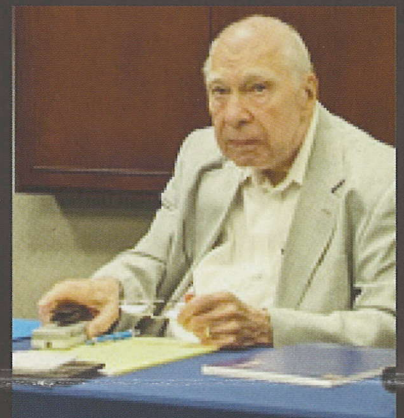
**Served as
President of the
NJ State RBO
from
1966 to 1976**

A devoted family man, John loved nothing more than cruising the high seas with his loved ones. Always the life of the party, he bestowed his love of travel, dining, and new experiences upon his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. John was predeceased by his loving daughter, June Ann Bianchini. He is survived by his beloved wife, Helen (nee: Grudinoff) Wanko; his loving son, Stephen Wanko, and his wife, Deborah; his dear son-in-law, Kenneth Bianchini; his cherished grandchildren, Larissa Canova, and her husband Matthew, Kenneth John Bianchini, and his wife, Danielle; Lauren Petronko, and her husband, Nicholas, and Lindsay Wanko, and her spouse, Kimberly; his adoring great-grandchildren, Keira, Mia, Leila, Bella, Ava, Landon, Lawson, Andie and Beckett; his dear siblings, Dr. Michael A. Wanko, and his wife, Justine, and Hope Grabowski, and her late husband, Joseph; and many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grand nephews.

The funeral was conducted by Bayonne Memorial Home, Inc. on Saturday, February 10, 2024. A funeral Liturgy was held at Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church at 9:45 a.m. followed by interment at Rosedale Cemetery, Linden.

Donations may be made to Ss. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church, 98 West 28th Street, Bayonne, NJ 07002.

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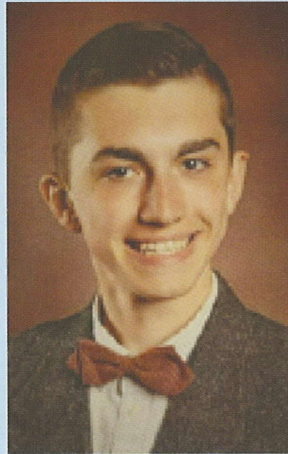
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2023 - 2024



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Horry Georgetown Technical College
Major: Business Administration



Jonah Bremer
Alum Bank, PA, Lodge
U of Pittsburgh @ Johnstown
Major: Biology



Jacob N Doran
Dallas, PA, Lodge 24
Marywood University
Major: Pharmacy/Biology



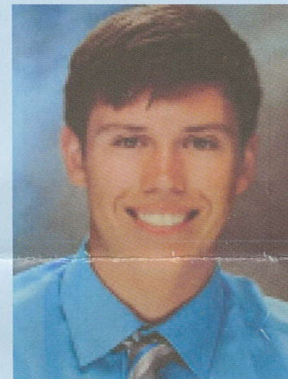
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Olyphant, PA, Lodge 41
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Yardley, PA, Lodge 25
University of South Carolina
Major: Business



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AC Technologies*



Jacob R. Herman
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St Joseph University
Major: Physical Therapy



Sophia S. Vernak
Harrisburg, PA, Lodge 222
HACC, Central PA Community College
Major: DMS Diagnostic

SUCCESS

People who succeed have momentum. The more they succeed, the more they want to succeed, and the more they find a way to succeed. Similarly, when someone is failing, the tendency is to get on a downward spiral that can even become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

—Tony Robbins

2024 Youth Volunteer Award

One of the most important fraternal programs offered by the New Jersey - New York Fraternal Alliance is its Youth Volunteer Award Program. Each year the NJNY FA chooses deserving students from a member society, based on their volunteer achievements with their society as well as the community at large. Award winners each receive a \$500 check.

An individual can only receive the award once.

The deadline for submitting applications is September 1, 2024 postmark. All completed applications and supporting information are to be mailed to: Bryan Werner/Artisans Order of Mutual Protection NJNY FA Youth Volunteer Award Committee, 8100 Roosevelt Blvd., Suite 101 Philadelphia, PA 19152 E-mail: Grafa2@aol.com Phone: 215-284-9540

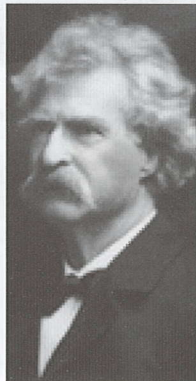
The Youth Volunteer Award Committee of the NJNY FA will make the selection of the award recipients and all decisions are final. This year's recipients will be recognized at the Alliance's Annual Convention on October 3, 2024 at the Tropicana Atlantic City.

Unexpected jobs of literature's greats

The road to literary success doesn't always run in a straight line. Authors frequently toil at jobs unrelated to the writing life before hitting it big (and sometimes after).

Here's a look at some of them:

Mark Twain. Born Samuel Langhorne Clemens, the author of *The Adventures of Huckleberry-Finn* and other American classics, learned about life on the water as a riverboat pilot on the Mississippi, until the Civil War slowed river traffic to a trickle.



Herman Melville. The author of *Moby Dick* worked as a surveyor on the Erie Canal, a sailor on a whaling ship, and a customs inspector in New York City.

Anthony Trollope. One of the most famous British novelists of the Victorian era, Trollope worked as a postal surveyor in Ireland and England. He is credited with introducing the pillar-shaped mailbox in the United Kingdom.

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The lighter side



Meeting James Bond

Roger Moore was one of the many actors to play James Bond in the long-running movie series. The website for *The Independent* tells the story of one young fan who met his idol in an airport—and what happened afterward.

When Mark Haynes was 7 years old, he spotted the actor in the airport in Nice, France, and implored his grandfather to ask “James Bond” for an autograph. Even though he had no idea who the actor was, Grandpa dutifully obliged, and Moore signed the boy’s plane ticket with his name—Roger Moore. Young Haynes was confused, and Grandpa, embarrassed, handed the ticket back, saying that Moore had signed the wrong name.

Moore beckoned the young boy over. “I have to sign my name as ‘Roger Moore,’” he explained, “because otherwise Blofeld [Bond’s archnemesis] might know I was here.” He asked Haynes not to blow his cover, and the boy boarded the plane excited to be working with James Bond.

There’s an epilogue: As an adult, Haynes, now a scriptwriter, met Moore when he was recording a video for UNICEF. Haynes told him the story, and Moore smiled and said, “Well, I don’t remember, but I’m glad you got to meet James Bond.”

Then, as he was heading out to his car, Moore motioned Haynes over. “Of course I remember our meeting in Nice,” he whispered. “But I didn’t say anything in there, because those cameramen—any one of them could be working for Blofeld.”

Dead man working

On his way home late one night, Jack took a shortcut through the local cemetery. Hearing a tapping sound nearby, he grew scared and quickened his pace.

The tapping got louder.

Jack ran until he spotted a man chiseling a tombstone.

“Thank goodness!” Jack stopped and wiped sweat from his forehead. “You gave me the scare of my life! But why are you working out here in the middle of the night?”

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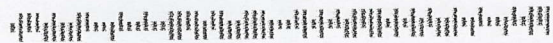
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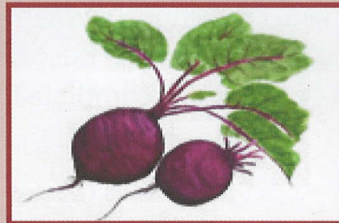
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Recipe

Lenten **BORSCH**

- 2 lg. onions
- 2 carrots
- 1 green pepper
- 2 beets
- 1 cup diced celery
- 1/2 Cup Vegetable oil
- 6 cups Water
- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- 1 lg. Potato
- 1/2 Lb. fresh mushrooms

- 1 tbsp. Tomato paste
- A few bay leaves
- Salt and pepper



Dice two large onions, two carrots, one green pepper, two beets. Add 1 cup diced celery and saute in 1/2 cup of vegetable oil for 10 to 15 minutes. Place in large pot and add 6 cups of water, two cups shredded cabbage one large potato that has been cut in eight and 1/2 lb, fresh mushrooms that have been cleaned, washed and diced. Boil until vegetables are ready, and add 1 tbsp. tomato paste, or 2 tbsp, of ketchup, a few bay leaves and salt and pepper to taste. Boil a few minutes longer and serve.

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